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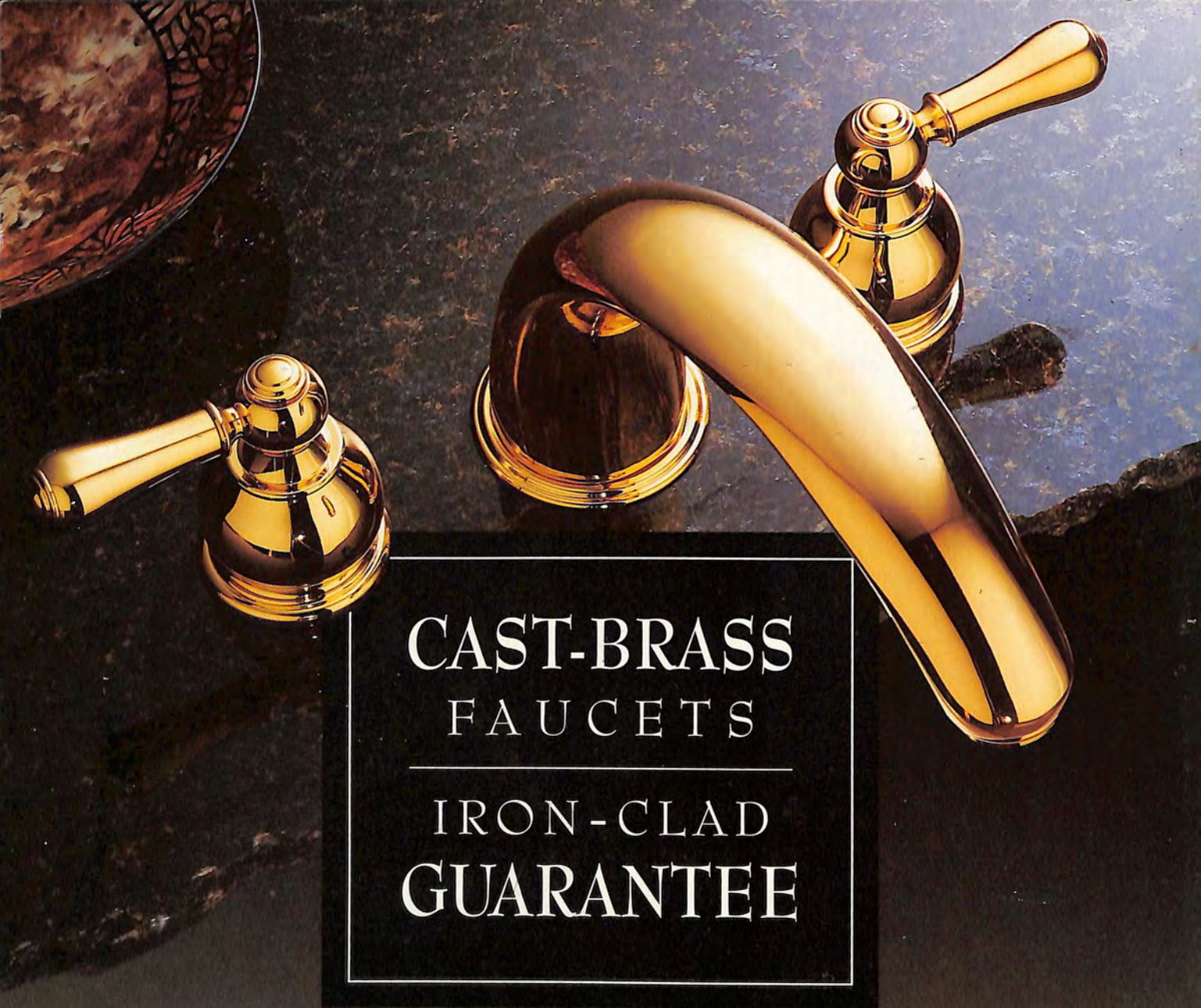
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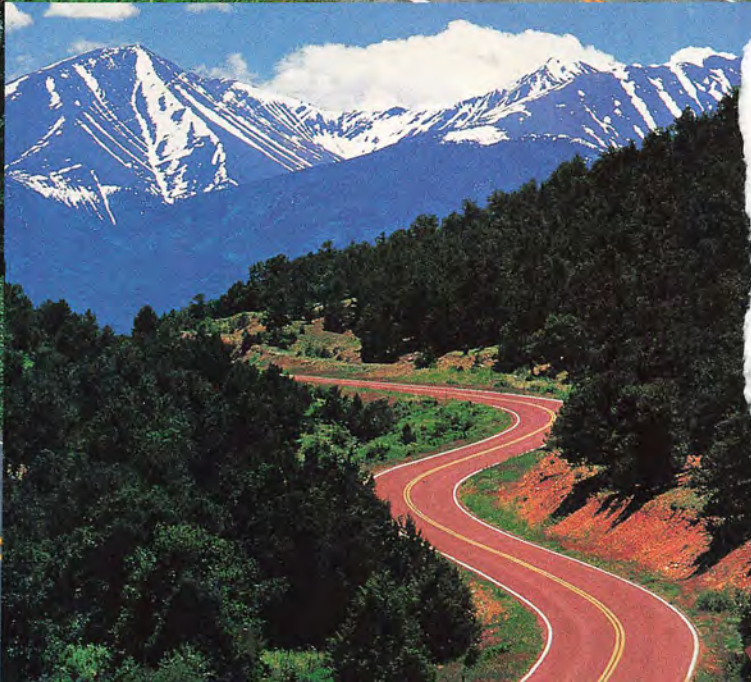


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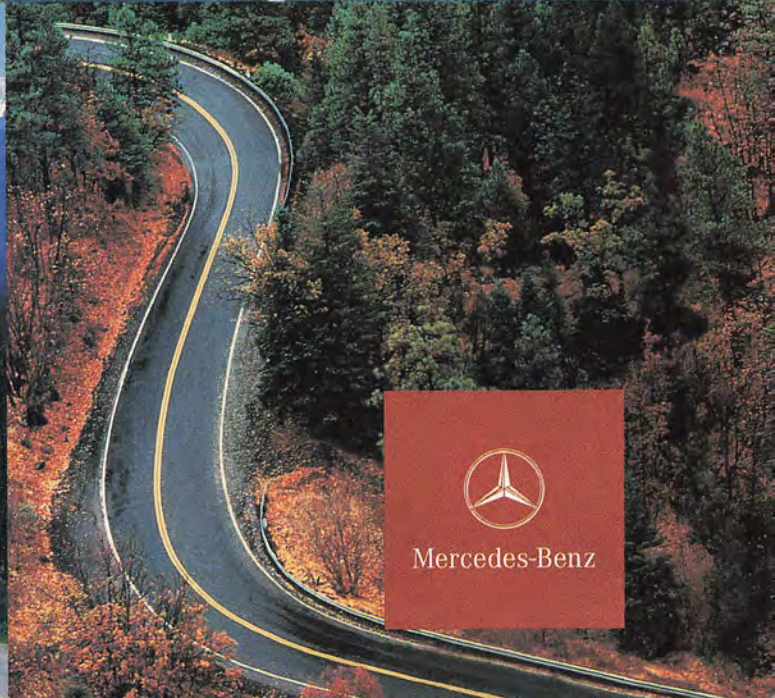
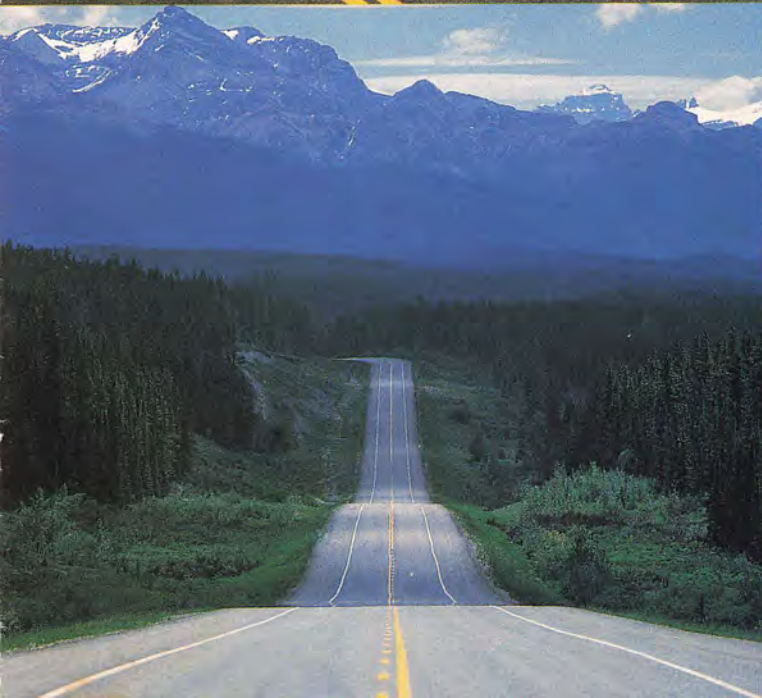
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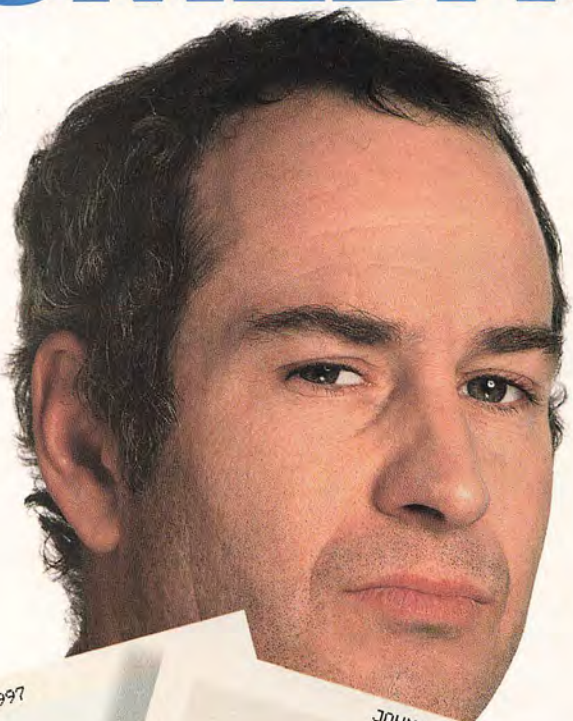
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Editor's Letter

When I was in high school, one of the best athletes in school starred for both the football and baseball teams. The football program left much to be desired, but the baseball team perennially contended for a state tournament berth.

A few days before an important tournament game, our star pitcher ran afoul of school officials. Allegedly, he broke into the school and stole some tests. I never knew the full story. Didn't care to know then and certainly don't now.

The importance of this is that he was not allowed to play the remainder of the baseball season, and without him our team lost a close tournament game, ending our season a bit prematurely. As he showed later in summer leagues, the pitcher was difficult to hit, to say the least, and surely with him, we could have beaten the team that eliminated us.

However, the coaches made the decision based on his off-the-field conduct that he shouldn't be allowed to compete. His teammates suffered for it. But the administration and coaches felt the school and the team should stand for something more important than winning baseball games.

What does this have to do with a college football magazine?

Everything. With this one, anyway.

Every year, many coaches in college football must decide between the importance of winning football games — certainly the most recognized measuring stick of the coach's success — and the discipline of a star player after the player breaks the law.

Which is it, coach? Allow the player accused of assault to play in the bowl game with a slap on the wrist (extra laps, some community service) and watch him gain 157 yards in a critical win? Or do you force him to watch your team lose from the stands, or on TV while sitting at home?

Why do so many athletes seem to get away with crimes when other students don't? Coaches say compassion. Is that compassion for the player, or for that next five-year contract extension?

Coaches say that many underprivileged athletes have nowhere else to go. Must rehab include a stadium with 90,000 anxious fans and national TV? Isn't the practice field alone a pretty good place to rehab misguided misfits?

Liz Chandler has investigated the reasons for coaches' leniency in college athletics. **Crime and Punishment uncovers this issue on page 30.**

While I believe there is a place in college athletics where discipline and compassion can coexist, and that many coaches should look further than their own needs when confronted with these critical issues, there are certainly more things right with college football than there are out of whack.

The best thing about college football is the competition on the field. As a Vanderbilt alumnus I won't say this often, but the mag-

ical season that Tennessee had was special to watch. Was Tennessee the best team in college football last season? Debatable. Could they have lined up toe-to-toe and consistently beaten the best teams in the land (Ohio State, Florida, Florida State, Kansas State)? Maybe. The Vols certainly took care of business when they had the opportunity. Were the Vols deserving national champs? You bet. Phil Fulmer's team answered every challenge before them.

One of the challenges Tennessee overcame was to defeat Steve Spurrier and his troops from Florida. Over the years, Spurrier has become one of the most despised coaches in America. Despised by his opponents, that is. What makes Spurrier so difficult to love? **Find out more about the outspoken and colorful coach on page 40.**



Doak Walker of SMU graced the game of college football both as a gifted runner who won the Heisman Trophy in 1948, and with his presence as an ambassador for the game later in life.

As the 20th century comes to a close, we can celebrate the amazing history of the great game of college football. We attempted to identify the greatest players, teams and coaches of the century. And as you would imagine, the task was a bit daunting. Our former editor George Leonard once wrote: "It indeed may seem foolhardy, not to say presumptuous, unfair, impossible, even ridiculous, to identify 11 (players) among over 3 million, including approximately 2,000 All-Americans, put them on a pedestal and proclaim their superiority."

We didn't foolishly attempt to narrow the players' list down to 11. But we took our shot at naming the greatest college football players in the 1900s beginning on page 23. We would love to know your opinions of our selections.

Whether it's Phil Fulmer coaching in the national title game, or Bobby Bowden or Joe Paterno, 1999 promises to give us another exciting season. Tennessee and Florida State are again national title contenders. Penn State and Virginia Tech will play in important bowl games. Arizona and Texas A&M could shine. **Let us know what you think about our predictions on page 46.**

We're glad you've joined Athlon Sports for our 33rd year of covering college football. As always, you'll find complete analyses of all your favorite teams and their conference foes. Preseason all-star teams, predictions, depth charts, schedules and rosters are all inside.

We'd love to hear from you and how you think coaches should deal with discipline problems. Do you think conference championships and bowl games are more important than punishing players for their mistakes? Let us know how you feel.

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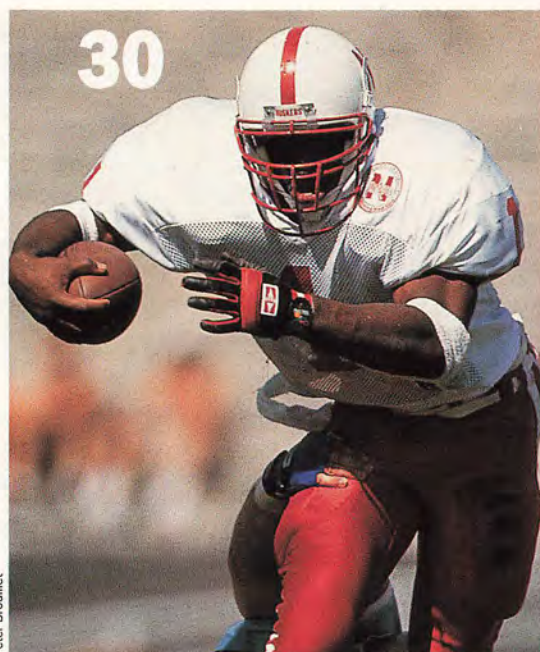
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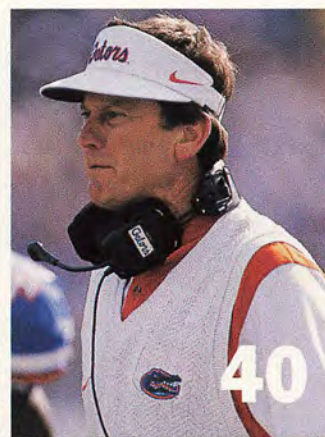
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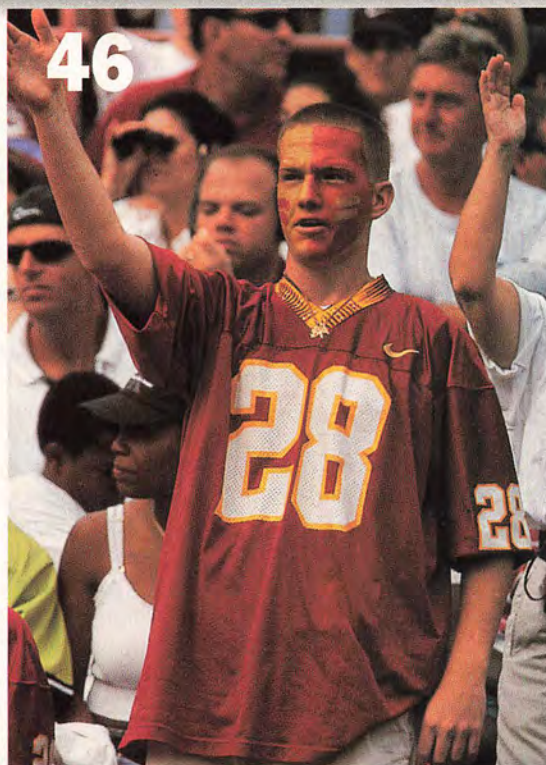
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THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

As a public service to you, our most loyal and intelligent readers, we will begin today's exercise by honoring The Luckiest Person in America. As you might imagine, the competition was fierce for this most prestigious award. The runners-up:

- The Chilean immigrant, Maria Grasso, who last April bought a Big Game lottery ticket at a convenience store just outside Fenway Park in Boston. It turned into a grand slam worth a cool \$197 million. As of this writing she is offering to split it with Roger Clemens if he'll just come back to Beantown.

- Everyone who bought Microsoft at \$4.
- The guy who dated Carmen Electra BEFORE she married Dennis Rodman.

A clarification here. We would have included Bill Clinton in this list of fortunate fellows, but ours is strictly an amateur award. When it comes to blind luck, the Prez is a true pro.

As lucky as the above folks were, their good fortune paled in comparison to SEC Commissioner Roy Kramer, the Godfather of the Bowl Championship Series.

On the morning of Dec. 5, 1998, Kramer was about to be sliced, diced, scattered, covered, and smothered over the

BCS Standings, a multi-layered formula used to determine which two teams would get to play for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl.

The formula, which included conventional polls, computer polls, and won-loss record, was hard for the mathematically challenged

media to explain, so many of them didn't try. A play-off, they understood. But this wasn't a play-off, so by their circular logic, it had to be dumb.

The public was even more con-

fused. All they knew was that there were three undefeated teams (Tennessee, Kansas State, and UCLA) playing on this day and if they were all victorious, one would get left out of the big game. Their logic: what good is a new formula and all this computer stuff if an undefeated team is still going to get the shaft?

Kramer, who had already been blamed for everything from El Niño to the declining Asian markets, braced for the worst.

"We could have logically explained the process until the cows came home," Kramer recalls. "But by that time, logic was not a big part of what was going on."

Then fate stepped in on what would become one of the more dramatic days ever in college football. UCLA's defense was exposed for the piece of Swiss cheese it was and the Bruins lost to Miami 49-45. Kansas State was so focused on playing in Tempe that it overlooked Texas A&M and got beat in overtime for the Big 12 championship.

Tennessee won the SEC title and played once-beaten Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The BCS was a success.

Late that night, Kramer was beaming like a proud papa.

"Amazing how these things work out once you play all the games," he said.

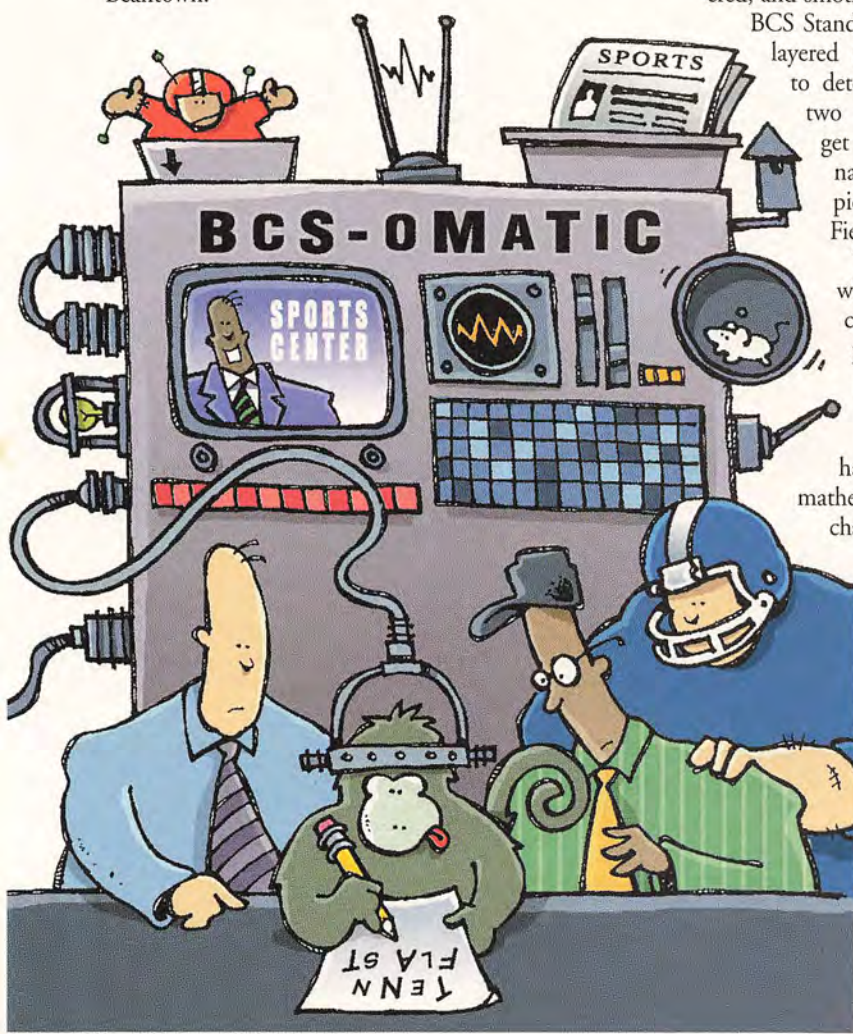
The controversial process begins anew this fall, only this time the goal is New Orleans and the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4. There will be some minor tweaking of the formula, such as adding a couple of computer polls to the current three.

Computer poll guru Jeff Sagarin, who stirred the pot unnecessarily with a little too much media exposure last fall, will keep a lower profile. BCS officials will be more proactive, hoping to head off the naysayers before they get rolling.

Will there still be complaints and second-guessers and people who think the BCS is the stupidest thing since a Paula Jones press conference?

That's like asking if Steve Spurrier will throw his visor.

This is college football, folks, and wacky stuff happens.



AUBURN'S BUYOUT BLUES

The first commandment for any coach taking over a program in trouble:

"Thou shalt not get thy butt kicked in the season-opener."

Auburn's Tommy Tuberville, who came over from Ole Miss, took that commandment to heart, and thus the Tigers will not be playing Florida State on Sept. 2.

ESPN put the game together in the spring of 1998, hoping for a prime-time, father-son, touchy-feely coaching matchup between Florida State's Bobby Bowden and Auburn's Terry Bowden. But on Oct. 23, Terry Bowden resigned in the middle of his fifth season.

It was a nasty separation.

With Terry gone, Bobby didn't want to play the game but he agreed to go along with his athletics director and the ACC, who both wanted the national exposure.

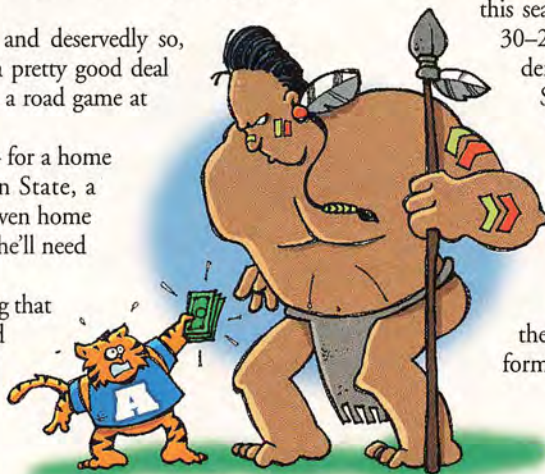
Besides, given the way his boy had been treated at Auburn, Bobby knew he could run up the score with impunity. And, trust us, he would have.

Auburn, however, beat everybody to the punch. Rather than live through a summer-long soap opera titled "Revenge of Daddy Bowden," the school bought its way out of the game for \$500,000 and a ton of bad press. The ACC was righteously indignant even to the point of a veiled threat that its schools would boycott playing Auburn in anything.

Auburn caught heat, and deservedly so, but ethics aside, it was a pretty good deal for Tuberville. He trades a road game at Florida

State — a certain loss — for a home game with Appalachian State, a probable win. He gets seven home games in a season when he'll need every break he can get.

"There's a lot of healing that has to take place around here," says Tuberville. "That (playing Florida State) wouldn't have helped."



BACK TO THE FUTURE

When Silvester Turner began his football career, Monica Lewinsky was nine years old and the Dow Jones Industrial average was 1,039.92. It was 1982 and Turner, a defensive back at Georgetown (Ky.) College, walked away from college after one year to take a job in a factory.

Last summer, at the age of 34, Turner returned to Georgetown to give it another college try. NAIA rules allow that sort of thing.

A physical fitness buff, he showed up to Georgetown's first practice looking much younger than his years. The players and coaches were justifiably skeptical.

Then he ripped off a 40-yard dash in 4.42 seconds. It was the same time Turner had posted as a 19-year-old freshman.

The coaches asked him to do it twice more. Same time. Both times.

He moved into the starting lineup last fall and intercepted a pass in the first game against Ohio Wesleyan. He finished the season with two interceptions and one fumble recovery. He figures to do even better this season as a 35-year-old senior.

"Not bad for an old man," he says.

"He's a great athlete," says teammate Marty Park. "He doesn't even act like he's that old, but he's pretty old, though."

RETURN TO SENDER

Think you know a lot about college football? Okay, try this one, Trivia Head: **What quarterback won the Heisman Trophy because of something he did with his right foot instead of his right arm?**

That would be Florida's Steve Spurrier, the 1966 winner.

Spurrier, now Florida's head coach, did exactly that 33 years ago this season when he kicked a 40-yard field goal to beat Auburn 30-27 in front of a ton of national media. It was also, coincidentally, on the Saturday before the Heisman ballots were due.

Spurrier wasn't even the team's regular kicker but talked coach Ray Graves into letting him try because he was so damn sure he could make it. Imagine that.

The last time Spurrier saw the ball in question, it was sailing through the uprights in the south end zone of Florida Field. It went into a mob of fans and was never returned. Until now.

Last March the Spalding J-5 was returned to Spurrier by the man who caught it in 1966, 64-year old Bob Springer, a former school administrator in Nassau County.

"I told Steve I couldn't give it back when I first got it," Springer told the *Florida Times-Union*. "Here I am stealing from the University of Florida." Spurrier will place the ball in Florida's university museum.

STILL A FAMILY AFFAIR

ESPN may have lost Bobby Bowden-Terry Bowden, but they still have Bobby Bowden-Tommy Bowden, which takes place Oct. 23, when Florida State travels to Clemson in what will be one of the most hyped games in history. School officials are already expecting the largest media contingent ever for a game at Memorial Stadium.

Tommy Bowden takes over at Clemson after leading Tulane to a 12-0 season and inherits a schedule that includes Florida State and six other bowl teams.

The younger Bowden says he has no problem going head to head with his famous father. They've already slugged it out in the recruiting wars.



"Besides," he says, "I've got a spy who sleeps with the Florida State head coach." That would be Ann Bowden — Tommy's mother, Bobby's boss.

Another factor will add to the hype. If Florida State is undefeated going into Death Valley, a win over Clemson would be Bobby Bowden's 300th.

"What would really test you is if it was (Tommy's) fourth year and

if he doesn't beat you he'd get fired," says Bobby Bowden. "I'd still try to win, though. That's the nature of the game."

Word is that the game might split the family. Bobby has no worries.

"That week I'll just remind everybody that the will is still in my name," he says.

BYE-BYE IRON BOWL

It is now official. Bear Bryant is no longer calling the shots at the University of Alabama.

Bryant died in 1983 but over the past 16 years his presence still hung over the campus and he always seemed to be mystically pulling the levers of power. No more.

In March, Alabama athletics director Bob Bockrath announced that the school's home game with arch-rival Auburn, which had been played at Birmingham's historic Legion Field since 1948, would be moved to Bryant-Denny Stadium on the Tuscaloosa campus. If you've spent any time at all in Alabama, you know this a really big deal.

Bryant loved playing in Birmingham with its larger stadium and its access to the state's movers and shakers. Bryant figured if he controlled Birmingham — which he did — he could control the state — which he also did.

But coach Mike DuBose saw the handwriting on the wall. Legion Field, the aging battleship of a structure in a tough part of town, had become a liability in recruiting. Of the three games the Crimson Tide played in Birmingham each season, Alabama could only invite recruits to one because of NCAA rules. And once the recruits were in Birmingham, there was really no place to take them.

Bryant-Denny Stadium, after a multi-million dollar facelift added 10,000 more seats, now has a capacity of 83,818, about 600 more than Legion Field.

"This is going to be a tremendous help in our recruiting efforts," says DuBose. "It was something we felt like we had to do for the future of the program."

So the annual war with Auburn and the traditional battle with Tennessee — two games Bryant dearly loved — are coming to campus. Tennessee will play at Tuscaloosa this season. Auburn comes on Nov. 18, 2000.

THAT'S "M," AS IN MILLION

When Vince Dooley became head coach at Georgia in 1964, he signed a contract for the grand sum of \$12,000 per season. To make ends meet he got a \$2,000 "subsistence allowance" which was fancy way of slipping him extra money that the IRS couldn't touch.

He then went out and negotiated with C&S Bank to sponsor his TV show. Ten shows, \$100 bucks a show. Total compensation that year for the future Hall of Fame coach: \$15,000.

"Thought I was big time," says Dooley, who won 201 games, six SEC titles, and one national title in his 25 seasons.

Needless to say that Dooley, now Georgia's athletic director, has a unique perspective on the ever-increasing number of college football coaches who are joining the Million Dollar Club.

For a long time the club was limited to Notre Dame's Lou Holtz, Florida State's Bobby Bowden, and Steve Spurrier of Florida, who still tops the list at \$2 million per season.

But in the off-season, the new inductees included Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee, who won the 1998 national championship, Mack Brown of Texas, John Cooper of Ohio State, and Rick Neuheisel, who jumped from Colorado to Washington.

"It's the marketplace, we all know that, but the presidents are starting to get concerned and wonder if something should be done," says Dooley.

Some advice to the well-meaning university presidents on this matter: Don't even THINK about it.

Last time you tried to hold down salaries via the restricted earnings coach, it cost the NCAA about \$60 million and a ton of bad publicity.



HOLTZ CHANGES HATS

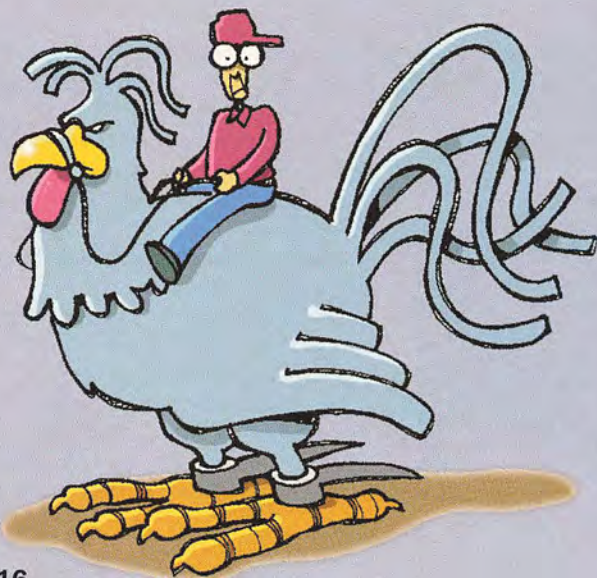
This much we know about Lou Holtz, who returns to college coaching this fall after a two-year hiatus: He is never, ever, afraid to shake things up.

One of the first things Holtz changed when he became head coach at South Carolina was the helmets. This fall the Gamecocks will be wearing white hats, something they haven't done since the 1970s.

It seemed innocent enough but when the announcement was made, Holtz was bombarded with letters from fans who had their own ideas of what the uniform should look like.

"I told them they should be more concerned what we looked like during the play and not during the national anthem," says Holtz, 61. Nice to know he hasn't mellowed.

Holtz will get a huge dose of nostalgia on Sept. 4 when he takes the Gamecocks to Raleigh to play NC State. From 1972-75, Holtz coached the Wolfpack to 33 victories, including an ACC championship in 1973.



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Drug Interactions

In two separate studies, fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (twice the recommended dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 8 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal, healthy volunteers (n=24, each study). No differences in adverse events or QTc interval were observed when subjects were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole. The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table:

Effects on Steady-State Fexofenadine Pharmacokinetics After 7 Days of Co-Administration with Fexofenadine Hydrochloride 120 mg Every 12 Hours (twice recommended dose) in Normal Volunteers (n=24)

Concomitant Drug	C _{max,SS} (Peak plasma concentration)	AUC _{0-12h} (Extent of systemic exposure)
Erythromycin (500 mg every 8 hrs)	+82%	+109%
Ketoconazole (400 mg once daily)	+135%	+164%

The mechanisms of these interactions are unknown, and the potential for interaction with other azole antifungal or macrolide agents has not been studied. These changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials. Fexofenadine had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of erythromycin or ketoconazole.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using teratogenicity studies with adequate fexofenadine exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-curve [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed when mice and rats were given daily oral doses of 50 and 150 mg/kg of fexofenadine for 18 and 24 months, respectively; these doses resulted in plasma AUC values of fexofenadine that were up to four times the human therapeutic value (based on a 60-mg twice-daily fexofenadine hydrochloride dose). In in-vitro (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and in-vivo (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.

In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at oral doses equal to or greater than 150 mg/kg of fexofenadine; these doses produced plasma AUC values of fexofenadine that were equal to or greater than three times the human therapeutic value (based on a 60-mg twice-daily fexofenadine hydrochloride dose).

Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral fexofenadine doses up to 300 mg/kg; these doses produced fexofenadine plasma AUC values that were up to 4 and 37 times the human therapeutic value (based on a 60-mg twice-daily fexofenadine hydrochloride dose), respectively.

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine hydrochloride should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to oral doses equal to and greater than 150 mg/kg of fexofenadine; at these doses the plasma AUC values of fexofenadine were equal to or greater than three times the human therapeutic value (based on a 60-mg twice-daily fexofenadine hydrochloride dose).

Nursing Mothers

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under the age of 12 years have not been established. Across well-controlled clinical trials in patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis, a total of 205 patients between the ages of 12 to 16 years received doses ranging from 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily for up to two weeks. Adverse events were similar in this group compared to patients above the age of 16 years.

Geriatric Use

In placebo-controlled trials, 42 patients, age 60 to 68 years, received doses of 20 mg to 240 mg of fexofenadine twice daily for up to two weeks. Adverse events were similar in this group to patients under age 60 years.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

In placebo-controlled clinical trials, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race. The percent of patients who withdrew prematurely because of adverse events was 2.2% with fexofenadine hydrochloride vs 3.3% with placebo. All adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg twice-daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine than placebo, are listed in the following table.

Adverse Experiences Reported in Placebo-Controlled Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis Clinical Trials at Rates of Greater Than 1%

Adverse Experience	Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)	Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)
Viral Infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.6%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Adverse events occurring in greater than 1% of fexofenadine hydrochloride-treated patients (60 mg twice daily), but that were more common in the placebo-treated group, include headache and throat irritation.

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.

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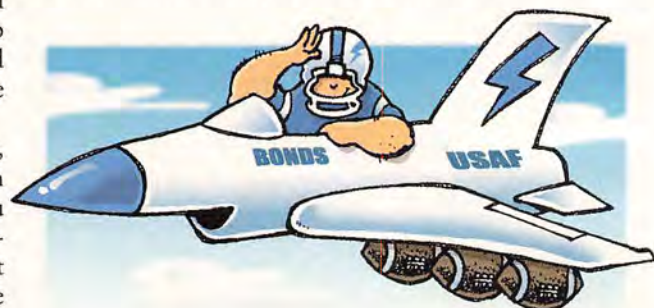
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WORTH NOTING

- In 1995, Duke "sold" one of its home games by agreeing to play Florida State in Orlando. After Blue Devil fans raised a ruckus, school officials said they'd never do it again. But the folks who run Alltel Stadium gave Duke a reason — one million of them, to be exact — to play Florida State in Jacksonville this season instead of tiny (33,941) Wallace Wade Stadium.
- Ohio State coach John Cooper wants the Big Ten to go to a championship game format. Why? Simple. His team tied with Wisconsin for the Big Ten title last season but did not play the Badgers. Wisconsin got the Rose Bowl trip because the Buckeyes had gone to Pasadena more recently. Silly rule.
- For the first time in five seasons, there will not be a Morgan in the pilot's seat at Air Force. Beau Morgan quarterbacked the Falcons from 1994-1996 and set an NCAA record when he rushed and passed for over 1,000 yards in two different seasons. Brother Blane graduated last spring with the best record as a starter in school history, 20-3. This year's QB? That would be Cale "Government" Bonds.



Mark Your Calendar

This fall, look for 38 games matching teams from Athlon Sports' Top 25. There are four games on Oct. 2, and competition really gets serious in November with back-to-back weekends of four games each on the 6th and 13th. Ohio State and Tennessee, arguably the two best teams from a year ago, each play five teams ranked in Athlon's preseason poll. BYU faces only one: Virginia; and Louisville gets off the hook without meeting another ranked team.

Aug. 28

#4 Arizona at #2 Penn State&

Aug. 29

#14 Miami v. #15 Ohio State@

Sept. 4

#18 Notre Dame at #7 Michigan

Sept. 11

#9 Georgia Tech at #1 Florida State

#22 UCLA at #15 Ohio State

Sept. 18

#2 Penn State at #14 Miami

#3 Tennessee at #17 Florida

Sept. 25

#19 Virginia at #20 BYU

#7 Michigan at #8 Wisconsin

#24 Arkansas at #12 Alabama

Oct. 2

#6 Virginia Tech at #19 Virginia

#8 Wisconsin at #15 Ohio State

#23 Kansas State at #21 Texas

#12 Alabama at #17 Florida

Oct. 9

#14 Miami at #1 Florida State

#11 USC at #4 Arizona

#13 Georgia at #3 Tennessee

Oct. 16

#15 Ohio State at #2 Penn State

#11 USC at #18 Notre Dame

Oct. 23

#10 Nebraska at #21 Texas

#3 Tennessee at #12 Alabama

Oct. 30

#1 Florida State at #19 Virginia

#4 Arizona at #22 UCLA

#17 Florida v. #13 Georgia\$

Nov. 6

#9 Georgia Tech at #19 Virginia

#16 Colorado at #23 Kansas State

#5 Texas A&M at #10 Nebraska

#18 Notre Dame at #3 Tennessee

Nov. 13

#14 Miami at #6 Virginia Tech

#7 Michigan at #2 Penn State

#23 Kansas State at #10 Nebraska

#3 Tennessee at #24 Arkansas

Nov. 20

#1 Florida State at #17 Florida

#15 Ohio State at #7 Michigan

#22 UCLA at #11 USC

Nov. 26

#10 Nebraska at #16 Colorado

#21 Texas at #5 Texas A&M

Nov. 27

#13 Georgia at #9 Georgia Tech

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KINGS OF THE MOUNTAIN

Most schools have a defining athletic achievement: Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak, UCLA's 10 national hoops titles in 12 years, Villanova's upset of Georgetown.

And then there's Sewanee's 1899 football team. Little Sewanee, that Episcopal school up on Monteagle Mountain in Tennessee, in its ninth year of football embarked on football's ultimate road trip. In six days, the Tigers played five football games — unheard of even then — and won all five. In fact, they kicked butt and took names, names like Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU and Ole Miss. Five games. Five shutouts.

It was David beating Goliath five times over. Maybe it was the restless energy built up during the 2,500-mile, 77-hour round trip, but in 1899, shutouts were nothing new for these dozen players. The Tigers were already 4-0 after beating Georgia 12-0, Georgia Tech 32-0, Tennessee 46-0 and Southwestern at Memphis 54-0. Only Auburn scored vs. Sewanee all season. The final figures: 12 wins, no losses, 322 points for, 10 points against.

These guys were good.

The six-day schedule:

- Nov. 10 Texas in Austin**
- Nov. 11 Texas A&M in Houston**
- Nov. 12 Tulane in New Orleans**
- Nov. 14 LSU in Baton Rouge**
- Nov. 15 Ole Miss in Memphis**

On the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 8, the Sewanee Tigers went to town and caught the old "Mountain Goat" train down to Cowan, Tenn., where they picked up a Pullman which would take them to Memphis, and eventually Austin and beyond.

The entire trip was almost over before it started. Amid the excitement, the bag with the football shoes was left on the Sewanee platform. Often teams improvised with borrowed jerseys or shared protective equipment, but to play in renegade shoes would have been an insurmountable obstacle.

At first opportunity, an associate at Sewanee was contacted with instructions to put the shoes on the next train. The players nervously hoped the cleated shoes would catch up; fortunately, they did.

Sewanee 12, Texas 0

The train pulled into Austin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday the 9th. It would be a battle of unbeaten the following day. A crowd of about 2,000 watched Tiger running back "Diddy" Seibels score two touchdowns, one

in each half (TDs were worth five points, extra points one).

The *Sewanee Purple* wrote of "Sewanee's superb defense on her 3-yard-line, when Texas had the ball, and three downs in which to cross the goal line. Thrice did Texas hurl her backs against the Purple wall, and thrice did Sewanee repel the onslaughts."

Sewanee 10, Texas A&M 0

The Tigers made the overnight trek to Houston to face the Aggies not 20 hours after the final gun sounded at Texas. It was A&M's first game against an out-of-state opponent. Before a crowd of 600, Sewanee scored one touchdown toward the end of the first half, following a fumbled A&M punt return. Ormand Simpkins ran it in from the one. "Warbler" Wilson got the second TD with five seconds left in the game. Both extra points failed. Only twice did A&M come close to scoring.

The A&M campus paper, *The Battalion*, reported: "A&M went down in honorable defeat before the mighty Sewanee team in

mile overnight train leg, the Tigers made sure their hosts were never in this one. Rex Kilpatrick found the end zone first on a run from scrimmage. Quintard Gray scored on Sewanee's next possession from 10 yards out. The lone Tiger tally in the second half came when Kilpatrick ran in from five yards out. The game was called due to darkness.

Sewanee 34, LSU 0

The morning after the Tulane game was Sunday, a day off. But coach Billy Suter, an 1899 Princeton grad who was hardly older than his players, was not about to turn these young men loose to the temptations of New Orleans nightlife. The men saw a play Saturday night, and before catching the train to Baton Rouge on Sunday, they toured a sugar plantation owned by Sewanee alumnus John Dalton Shaffer.

LSU came in 1-0 after defeating Ole Miss 11-0. More than 2,000 fans saw Sewanee's Seibels score first. He would score again on Sewanee's next run from scrimmage. Kilpatrick added a score to give the Tigers a 17-0 lead at the half.

Sewanee 12, Ole Miss 0

The weary Tigers took their third pre-game overnight train ride in five days. They arrived in Memphis to take on their fifth consecutive rested opponent. Again, Seibels and Kilpatrick did the scoring.

The Memphis *Commercial Appeal* praised the 9-0 Tigers: "Yesterday's score against (Ole Miss) marked the 240th point which the Tennesseans have scored to nothing for their opponents, during the present season. The Trip of the Sewanee eleven, along with their record, will probably remain unequalled for many generations."

After finishing 12-0 in '99, Tiger teams enjoyed 19 consecutive winning seasons from 1900-18. In the 1920s, the Tigers joined the Southern Conference and remained a member until 1932, when they joined a group of schools in forming the Southeastern Conference. Soon Sewanee realized it could no longer compete with teams such as Vanderbilt, Georgia or Alabama. After 42 consecutive SEC losses during the 1930s, Vice Chancellor Alexander Guerry advised Sewanee to withdraw from the league, which it did in 1940. Since World War II, the school has fielded a competitive small college program.

But for one amazing week, Sewanee was the biggest of them all.

In 6 days Sewanee beat Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU, and Ole Miss. On the 7th day, they rested.

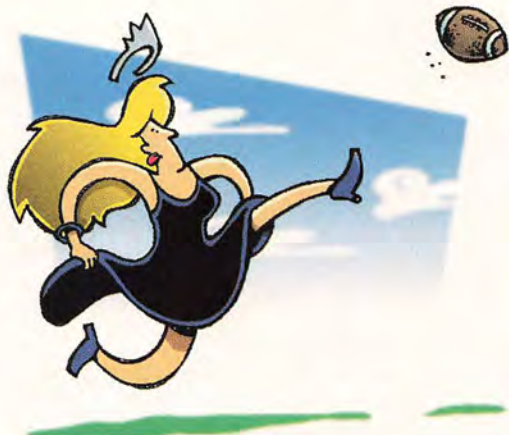


Train lag caught up with the Tigers of Sewanee after six days of riding the rails and kicking tails.

what proved to be one of the fiercest and most brilliant contests ever seen on the Southern gridiron... (Sewanee) are unmistakably the champions of the South this year..."

Sewanee 23, Tulane 0

Sewanee met the Green Wave in Tulane's season opener, and in spite of another 350-



THE LADY CAN KICK, PART I

Katie Hnida made some noise last season as both the prom queen and the placekicker of Chatfield (Colo.) High School. Now, as the talking heads would say, she is going to try and take it to the next level.

Colorado coach Gary Barnett has agreed to let Hnida walk on and compete for the Buffs' placekicking job. Hnida's father told the *Rocky Mountain News* that she made 27 of 28 extra point attempts and all three of her field goal attempts, the longest from 35 yards. She has kicked a 51-yarder in practice.

Returning senior Jeremy Aldrich currently has the kicking job at CU after making 16 of 22 field goals last season.

THE LADY CAN KICK, PART II

Tonya Butler made 64 of 65 extra points and seven of 12 field goals last season for Riverdale (Ga.) High School. Her longest was 39 yards. She'll kick this season for Middle Georgia Junior College in Cochran.

FOR THE RECORD

• All-time Wins

1. Yale	791
2. Michigan	786
3. Notre Dame	762
4. Princeton	735
5. Nebraska	731
6. Texas	726
7. Harvard	724
Pennsylvania	724
Alabama	724
Penn State	724

• Games Won in the '90s

1. Mt. Union	108
2. Marshall	100
3. Florida State	97
4. Nebraska	96
5. Florida	93
6. Youngstown St.	91
7. Tennessee	90
8. Penn State	87
9. Texas A&M	86
10. Ohio State	85

WORTH QUOTING

- "It's an athletic director's dream."

— Miami coach Butch Davis on the Hurricanes' non-conference schedule which includes Ohio State (in the Kickoff Classic), Penn State and Florida State.

- "Where we're going offensively, some teams are going to look at it and say, 'We don't want to play those guys.'"

— Hawaii coach June Jones on Notre Dame's decision not to play the Rainbows in 2001.

- "The past couple of years, our guys have been thinking they were the Mighty Gators and that we had all these All-Americans. Now we're going to be a little more low-key. People won't talk about us as much. Maybe that will be good."

— Florida coach Steve Spurrier, whose team has watched Tennessee win two straight SEC championships.

I-A Coaching Carousel

School	New Face	Former Coach
Auburn	Tommy Tuberville	Terry Bowden
Baylor	Kevin Steele	Dave Roberts
Clemson	Tommy Bowden	Tommy West
Colorado	Gary Barnett	Rick Neuheisel
Duke	Carl Franks	Fred Goldsmith
Hawaii	June Jones	Fred vonAppen
Iowa	Kirk Ferentz	Hayden Fry
Louisiana Tech	Jack Bicknell III	Gary Crowton
Miami (Ohio)	Terry Hooppner	Randy Walker
Middle Tennessee	Andy McCollum	Boots Donnelly
NE Louisiana	Bobby Keasler	Ed Zaunbrecher
Northwestern	Randy Walker	Gary Barnett
Oklahoma	Bob Stoops	John Blake
Ole Miss	David Cutcliffe	Tommy Tuberville
Oregon State	Dennis Erickson	Mike Riley
South Carolina	Lou Holtz	Brad Scott
Tulane	Chris Scelfo	Tommy Bowden
UNLV	John Robinson	Jeff Horton
USL	Jerry Baldwin	Nelson Stokley
Washington	Rick Neuheisel	Jim Lambright

KIDS SAY THE DARDEST THINGS

From the Colorado Media Guide: Players were asked, "What is the biggest problem facing America as we prepare to head into the next century?" Among the answers:

Jeremy Aldrich: "Trying to automate everything."

Matt Altman: "The rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer, and I'm in the wrong group."

David Andrews: "The loss of basic morals and family values."

Darrin Chiaverini: "Drug use among teens."

Ryan Chiaverini: "Our country is being run like an episode of Jerry Springer."

Johan Chun: "Kids without discipline."

Shane Cook: "No buffets in Boulder."

Kane Cullum: "The dilemma with AIDS, cancer and disease. Keeping our environment alive and running well."

David Herrick: "The earth is moving closer to the sun every day."

Aaron Marshall: "Too many people think professional wrestling is real."

Eric McCready: "There are too many people who are alone and turn to groups which give them bad influences. People just need one very important friend."

Barry McDonnell: "Children need to have more responsibility and have to work for what they have."

Chan Moody: "Too many people think professional wrestling is fake."

Nick Pietsch: "There are not many good role models any more."

Adam Reed: "The ever rising price of Italian sausage and jelly doughnuts."

Victor Rogers: "Violence among youths."

Kohtaro Terahira: "Terrorism."

PARTING SHOTS

- The IRS is making noises about disallowing tax deductions for boosters who make huge contributions to rent luxury boxes at stadiums. It probably won't happen but if it does, colleges will not take a big financial hit, contrary to popular opinion. The people who rent these boxes are loaded and wouldn't give them up, deduction or no deduction. "It's too valuable to them," says Georgia's Dooley.
- The hottest coaching rivalry is the SEC is now Georgia and Tennessee. Twice in the past three years Georgia's Jim Donnan has hired away a top Tennessee assistant right in the middle of recruiting season. It has paid dividends for the Dogs, who won sev-

eral head-to-head battles with the Vols over prospects during the stretch run to signing day. Still, Georgia hasn't beaten Tennessee since 1988, Dooley's last year as coach.

- Rick Neuheisel may be in the Million Dollar Club, but Washington's new coach forgot how to read a recruiting calendar. Five Washington assistants visited recruits in their homes on Jan. 31, which is supposed to be a quiet period. Several competing coaches, including Gary Barnett, the man who replaced him at Colorado, were more than a little upset. Neuheisel was nailed by his own athletics director and will be allowed to go off campus for only nine of 29 possible recruiting days during the spring and fall. Not a good start, Rick.

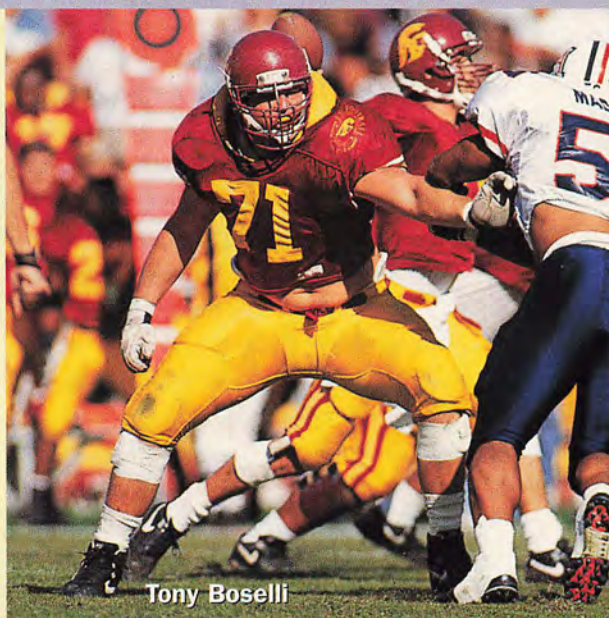
- Georgia Tech officials considered moving their home game with Georgia from Bobby Dodd Stadium (46,000) to the Georgia Dome (71,000). The Tech fans said no, knowing that Georgia fans would scarf up the extra tickets. Coach George O'Leary said no, not wanting to give away home field advantage. The idea died.
- Notre Dame said no to joining the Big Ten, a decision the school will some day regret (and no doubt, coaches of all other Irish varsity teams already do). The world has changed and so has the football marketplace. Someday, and it won't be long, Notre Dame will need to get into a conference. Will somebody take the Irish? Gee, I don't know. Does Nebraska wear Red?

Athlon Sports 1990s All-Decade Team

OFFENSE

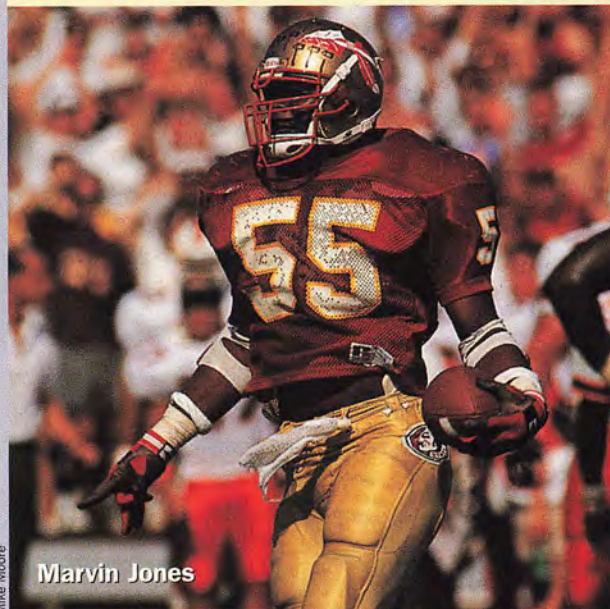
WR	Raghib Ismail	Notre Dame
T	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
G	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
C	Jay Leeuwenburg	Colorado
G	Aaron Taylor	Nebraska
T	Tony Boselli	USC
TE	Pete Mitchell	Boston College
QB	Peyton Manning	Tennessee
RB	Ricky Williams	Texas
RB	Marshall Faulk	San Diego St.
WR	Keyshawn Johnson	USC

K	Martin Gramatica	Kansas State
KR	David Palmer	Alabama



Tony Boselli

Peter Brouillette



Marvin Jones

Mike Moore

DEFENSE

DE	Tedy Bruschi	Arizona
DT	Dan Wilkinson	Ohio State
DT	Steve Emtman	Washington
DE	Grant Wistrom	Nebraska
LB	Marvin Jones	Florida State
LB	Derrick Brooks	Florida State
LB	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M
DB	Dré Bly	North Carolina
DB	Chris Canty	Kansas State
DB	Shawn Springs	Ohio State
DB	Charles Woodson	Michigan

P	Brad Maynard	Ball State
PR	Tim Dwight	Iowa



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A Century of College Football

By the dawn of the 20th Century, football had already played itself into campus life at most universities. After all, it had been some 30 years since students from Princeton and Rutgers had met to compete in a game of foot-ball on Nov. 6, 1869. By 1900 there were 205-pound monsters like Yale's immortal Pudge Heffelfinger along the line, but no forward passes; slugging was prevalent (although illegal), and the game's brutality almost became its downfall.

Now, 100 years later, offenses are wide open. Passing is an offensive staple, most schools average close to 300 pounds along the offensive front – 350-pounders aren't that uncommon – and fighting is rare and dealt with swiftly and harshly when it does occur.

The game has changed dramatically over the course of the 20th Century, but some things have stayed constant: the drama, the pageantry, the thrill of competition, the excitement. So how do we encapsulate 100 years of a national institution in a few pages? Quite a task.

Here are a few highlights and our opinions on the best the game has offered this century. A century covers several hundred thousand games and players, so distinguishing the all-time best is a bit daunting. We encourage your opinions on this arguable subject.

Best Ends/Flankers

Lance Alworth	Arkansas	1961
Fred Biletnikoff	Florida State	1964
Tim Brown	Notre Dame	1987
Anthony Carter	Michigan	1982
Mike Ditka	Pittsburgh	1960
Richmond Flowers	Tennessee	1968
Leon Hart	Notre Dame	1949
Gordon Hudson	BYU	1983
Don Hutson	Alabama	1934
Rocket Ismail	Notre Dame	1990
Keith Jackson	Oklahoma	1987
John Jefferson	Arizona State	1977
Ken MacAfee	Notre Dame	1977
Brick Mueller	California	1922
Bennie Oosterbaan	Michigan	1927
Jerry Rice	Mississippi Valley St.	1984
Johnny Rodgers	Nebraska	1972
Gaynell Tinsley	LSU	1936
David Williams	Illinois	1985
Kellen Winslow	Missouri	1978

Best Tackles

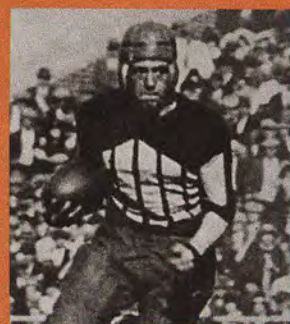
George Connor	Notre Dame	1947
Dan Dierdorf	Michigan	1970
Bill Fralic	Pittsburgh	1984
Bruiser Kinard	Ole Miss	1937
Tony Mandarich	Michigan State	1988
Anthony Muñoz	USC	1979
Bronko Nagurski	Minnesota	1929
Leo Nomellini	Minnesota	1949
Fred Sington	Alabama	1930
Joe Stydahar	West Virginia	1935
Ed Weir	Nebraska	1925
Alex Wistert	Michigan	1949
Ron Yary	USC	1967

Best Quarterbacks

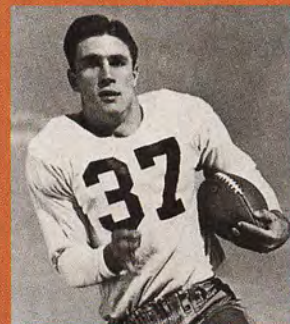
Sammy Baugh	TCU	1936
Terry Bradshaw	Louisiana Tech	1969
Frank Carideo	Notre Dame	1930
Ty Detmer	BYU	1991
John Elway	Stanford	1982
Doug Flutie	Boston College	1984
Tommie Frazier	Nebraska	1995
Otto Graham	Northwestern	1943
Larry Kelley	Yale	1936
David Klingler	Houston	1991
Bobby Layne	Texas	1947
Johnny Lujack	Notre Dame	1947
Archie Manning	Ole Miss	1970
Peyton Manning	Tennessee	1997
Dan Marino	Pittsburgh	1983
Jim McMahon	BYU	1981
Roger Staubach	Navy	1964
Fran Tarkenton	Georgia	1960
Johnny Unitas	Louisville	1954

Best Centers

Maxie Baughn	Georgia Tech	1959
Chuck Bednarik	Pennsylvania	1948
Mel Hein	Washington State	1930
Carl Hinkle	Vanderbilt	1937
Dave Rimington	Nebraska	1982
Adolph Schulz	Michigan	1907
Alex Wojciechowicz	Fordham	1937



Red Grange



Doak Walker



Knute Rockne



John Elway



Peyton Manning

Jan. 2, 1996
Nebraska thwarts the Fun 'n' Gun in steamrolling Florida 62-24.

1995
A giant topples, as the Southwest Conference disbands.

Nov. 26, 1994
Florida State overcomes a 31-3 fourth-quarter deficit to tie Florida 31-31.

Nov. 13, 1993
Another Game of the Century. No. 2 Notre Dame 31, No. 1 Florida State 24.

1992
Wide Right I and II. Miami costs Florida State two national titles.

Oct. 15, 1988
The Game of the Decade — Notre Dame 31, Miami 30 — propels Irish to national title.

Oct. 3, 1987
Miami 26, Florida State 25. The rivalry takes center stage for the next several years.

Jan. 2, 1987
Penn State picks off five Vinny Testaverde passes in a 14-10 Fiesta Bowl win for the National Title.

1995
After decades of futility, Northwestern goes to the Rose Bowl.

Jan. 1, 1995
Tom Osborne finally wins a national title with a 24-17 Orange Bowl win over Miami.

Sept. 24, 1994
Kordell Stewart's 64-yard pass on the last play gives Colorado a 27-26 win over Michigan.

Jan. 1, 1993
Alabama's defense, one of the best ever, frustrates Miami in a 34-13 Sugar Bowl win.

Oct. 6, 1990
Colorado uses a fifth down to beat Missouri en route to the national title.

Jan. 1, 1988
Miami 20, Oklahoma 14. For the third straight year, Miami hands OU its only loss.

1987
In one of college football's darkest hours, SMU receives the Death Penalty.

Oct. 5, 1985
Eddie Robinson breaks Bear Bryant's record, winning his 324th game.

Nov. 1, 1913
Notre Dame 35, Army 13. Gus Dorais to Knute Rockne popularizes the forward pass.

Oct. 29, 1921
Centre College upsets Harvard 6-0. The east loses its stranglehold on college football.

1922
Princeton 21, Chicago 18. Stagg calls it the most exciting game of his coaching life.

Jan. 1, 1926
Alabama 20, Washington 19 in the Rose Bowl. Johnny Mack Brown scores twice.

Dec. 4, 1926
Notre Dame plays USC. It becomes college football's greatest intersectional rivalry.

1911
Carlisle Indian School, with legendary Jim Thorpe, stuns Harvard 18-15.

Oct. 7, 1916
Georgia Tech squeaks by Cumberland 22-0 in college football's greatest rout.

Oct. 29, 1921
Nebraska beats Oklahoma 44-0 on a muddy field in cleats, a new innovation.

Oct. 18, 1924
Football's greatest day. The Four Horsemen are born; Grange runs wild vs. Michigan.

Nov. 27, 1926
Army 21, Navy 21. 16 future generals, 13 future admirals take part.

The Greatest Games

Notre Dame 18 Ohio State 13 1935
With both teams undefeated and untied, Bill Shakespeare threw a TD pass to Wayne Millner with 32 seconds remaining as Notre Dame overcame a 13-0 fourth-quarter deficit for the victory in Columbus.

Nebraska 35 Oklahoma 31 1971
On its way to the national title, Nebraska defeated teams that finished the season ranked Nos. 2, 3 and 4 (Oklahoma, Colorado and Alabama). Nebraska coach Bob Devaney had meals flown to Norman from Lincoln, fearing that chefs in Oklahoma might be persuaded to add a little food poisoning to the players' fare. The lead changed four times, but 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers set the tone, weaving through Sooners for a 72-yard punt return touchdown. Jeff Kinney scored four times for the winners.

USC 21 UCLA 20 1967
In a game that would decide the Rose Bowl representative from the Pac-10, O.J. Simpson electrified the crowd with a 64-yard run in the fourth quarter behind excellent blocks by fullback Danny Scott and Earl McCullough downfield. The Trojans went on to win the national title.

Georgia 26 Florida 21 1980
Super freshman Herschel Walker ran for 238 yards, including a 72-yard TD. But his team trailed 21-20 with 1:04 to play and the ball on their own 7-yard line, facing 3rd and 11. Buck Belue fired a bullet to Lindsay Scott just past the first down marker. Expecting to be hit immediately, Scott whirled and saw nothing but open field. The touchdown, and the win, allowed the Bulldogs to continue a perfect season and capture a national title.

Miami 31 Nebraska 30 1983
An extra point would have meant a national title. But Nebraska coach Tom Osborne didn't want to face his troops in the locker room and try to explain a tie. He elected to go for a two-point conversion in the game's final minute. Ken Calhoun of Miami batted down a pass from Turner Gill meant for Jeff Smith to seal the win for the Hurricanes. Miami was crowned national champs after a season-opening loss to Florida.

Dec. 21, 1984
BYU wins the National Title with a 24-17 Holiday Bowl win over 6-6 Michigan.

Jan. 1, 1984
Tom Osborne goes for two, and fails. Miami wins first national title 31-30.

November 28, 1981
Bear Bryant gets his record-setting 315th win, against archival Auburn.

1980
Freshman Herschel Walker bursts onto the scene and leads Georgia to a national title.

Jan. 1, 1979
The goal-line stand. Alabama 14, Penn St. 7 for the National Title in the Sugar Bowl.

Best Defensive Backs

Tommy Casanova	LSU	1971
Kenny Easley	UCLA	1980
David Fulcher	Arizona State	1985
Ronnie Lott	USC	1980
Bobby Majors	Tennessee	1971
Deion Sanders	Florida State	1988
Jack Tatum	Ohio State	1970

Best Linebackers

Cornelius Bennett	Alabama	1986
Brian Bosworth	Oklahoma	1986
Dick Butkus	Illinois	1964
Randy Gradishar	Ohio State	1973
Jack Ham	Penn State	1970
Sam Huff	West Virginia	1955
Lee Roy Jordan	Alabama	1962
Wilbur Marshall	Florida	1983
Tommy Nobis	Texas	1965
Mike Singletary	Baylor	1980
Chris Spielman	Ohio State	1987
Lawrence Taylor	North Carolina	1980
Derrick Thomas	Alabama	1988

Best Punters

Ray Guy	Southern Miss	1972
Reggie Roby	Iowa	1982

Best Defensive Linemen

Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1977
Tony Casillas	Oklahoma	1985
Carl Eller	Minnesota	1963
Steve Emtman	Washington	1991
Rich Glover	Nebraska	1972
Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1980
Ted Hendricks	Miami	1968
Alex Karras	Iowa	1957
Bob Lilly	TCU	1960
Merlin Olsen	Utah State	1961
Alan Page	Notre Dame	1966
Tracy Rocker	Auburn	1988
Lee Roy Selmon	Oklahoma	1975
Bruce Smith	Virginia Tech	1984
Bubba Smith	Michigan St.	1966
Art Still	Kentucky	1977
Randy White	Maryland	1974
Reggie White	Tennessee	1983

1926

The Big Ten rejects Notre Dame's bid to join by a 6-4 vote.

Jan. 1, 1929

Wrong-Way Riegels runs toward his own goal line in the Rose Bowl. Georgia Tech 8, Cal 7.

Nov. 2, 1935

Unbeaten Notre Dame beats unbeaten Ohio State 18-13. Possibly the greatest game ever.

1935

Chicago's Jay Berwanger wins first Heisman Trophy (then called the DAC Trophy).

Jan. 1, 1939

Unbeaten, unscored-on Duke loses to USC in the Rose Bowl's final seconds, 7-3.

Jan. 1, 1941

Stanford uses Clark Shaughnessy's T-formation to beat Nebraska 21-13.

Nov. 10, 1928

Knute Rockne gives his "Win One for the Gipper" speech. Notre Dame stuns Army, 12-6.

Jan. 1, 1934

Columbia stuns Stanford 7-0 in the Rose Bowl in one of the greatest upsets.

Nov. 30, 1935

Another candidate for greatest game ever. SMU 20, TCU 14

1935-37

Pitt and Fordham stage three straight 0-0 ties.

1939

Tennessee is the last team to go the entire regular season without surrendering a point.

Best Guards

John Hannah	Alabama	1972
Reggie McKenzie	Michigan	1971
Jim Parker	Ohio State	1956
Les Richter	California	1951
Dean Steinkuhler	Nebraska	1983
Bob Suffridge	Tennessee	1940

Best Running Backs

Marcus Allen	USC	1981
Alan Ameche	Wisconsin	1954
Jay Berwanger	Chicago	1935
Doc Blanchard	Army	1946
Jim Brown	Syracuse	1956
Earl Campbell	Texas	1977
Billy Cannon	LSU	1959
Bob Chappuis	Michigan	1947
John David Crow	Texas A&M	1957
Anthony Davis	USC	1974
Ernie Davis	Syracuse	1961
Glenn Davis	Army	1946
Pete Dawkins	Army	1958
Eric Dickerson	SMU	1983
Tony Dorsett	Pittsburgh	1976
Bill Dudley	Virginia	1941
Beattie Feathers	Tennessee	1933
George Gipp	Notre Dame	1920
Marshall Goldberg	Pittsburgh	1938
Red Grange	Illinois	1925
Archie Griffin	Ohio State	1975
Tom Harmon	Michigan	1940
Willie Heston	Michigan	1904
Paul Hornung	Notre Dame	1956
Dixie Howell	Alabama	1934
Bo Jackson	Auburn	1985
Choo Choo Justice	North Carolina	1949
John Majors	Tennessee	1956
Ollie Matson	San Francisco	1952
George McAfee	Duke	1939
Marion Motley	Nevada	1942
Ernie Nevers	Stanford	1925
Elmer Oliphant	Army	1917
Steve Owens	Oklahoma	1969
Kyle Rote	SMU	1950
Mike Rozier	Nebraska	1983
Barry Sanders	Oklahoma St.	1988
Gale Sayers	Kansas	1964
Ozzie Simmons	Iowa	1936
O.J. Simpson	USC	1968
Billy Sims	Oklahoma	1979
Jim Thorpe	Carlisle	1912
Charley Trippi	Georgia	1946
Billy Vessels	Oklahoma	1952
Doak Walker	SMU	1949
Herschel Walker	Georgia	1982
Whizzer White	Colorado	1937
Ricky Williams	Texas	1998

The Greatest Teams

Notre Dame 1947 - 10-0. A total of 46 players from this team, including some practice team scrubs, played in the pros.

Oklahoma 1956 - 10-0. Team of four All-Americans won Nos. 31 through 40 of 47-game winning streak, including a 40-0 win at Notre Dame.

Nebraska 1995 - 12-0. Won national championship game in the Fiesta Bowl 62-24 over unbeaten Florida. Any questions?

USC 1932 - 10-0. Notched eight shutouts and outscored foes 201-13 with 145-pound quarterback Cotton Warburton.

Army 1945 - 9-0. Blaik coached, Davis and Blanchard ran . . . and ran . . . and ran.

Notre Dame 1988 - 12-0. Defeated unbeaten Miami, USC and West Virginia to go 12-0.

Michigan 1901 - 11-0. Outscored opponents 550 to 0.

Minnesota 1934 - 8-0. Bernie Bierman coached; Bud Wilkinson quarterbacked.

Alabama 1934 - 10-0. Three All-Americans: Dixie Howell, Don Hutson and Bill Lee.

Nebraska 1971 - 13-0. Defeated Oklahoma, Colorado and Alabama, which ended the season ranked 2-4.

Pittsburgh 1976 - 12-0. Tony Dorsett became college football's all-time leading rusher (since broken by Ricky Williams).

Most Damaging Events

SMU Death Penalty - After repeated recruiting violations, the NCAA responds harshly following an investigation of the SMU football program. The school is not allowed to participate in football for one season, and is only allowed six road games the following year. SMU declines to participate that second season, going two years (1987-88) without fielding a team.

Demise of the SWC - Spurred by increasing NCAA investigations and penalties, the Southwest Conference begins to unravel, ending one of college football's greatest traditions in the football hotbed of Texas.

SI article on Oklahoma football - Following the arrest of Oklahoma quarterback Charles Johnson on drug felony charges, *Sports Illustrated* runs a shot of Johnson in handcuffs on the cover. The cover story reveals guns, drugs and other criminal behavior inside the football dorm in Norman, Oklahoma. The credibility of the NCAA takes a major hit.

1976

Pitt goes unbeaten and wins the National Title. Tony Dorsett sets the all-time rushing mark.

Dec. 31, 1973

Parseghian vs. the Bear. The Sugar Bowl. Notre Dame 24, Bama 23. Irish win national title.

1972-1974

USC's Anthony Davis scores 11 touchdowns in three spectacular games vs. Notre Dame.

Jan. 1, 1970

Notre Dame plays in its first bowl since 1925, losing to Texas 21-17 in the Cotton Bowl

Nov. 23, 1968

Harvard "beats" Yale, 29-29.

Jan. 1, 1978

Arkansas, with three stars suspended, stuns Oklahoma 31-6 in the Orange Bowl.

1975

Ohio State's Archie Griffin wins an unprecedented second Heisman Trophy.

Dec. 2, 1972

Punt, Bama, Punt. Auburn erases 16-3 deficit with two punt blocks and wins 17-16.

Nov. 25, 1971

Nebraska 35, Oklahoma 31. The Game of the Century. Johnny Rodgers' punt return.

Dec. 6, 1969

No. 1 Texas beats No. 2 Arkansas 15-14 and gets a trophy from President Nixon.

1968

Texas unveils Emory Bellard's creation, the Wishbone.

Nov. 28, 1942

After loss to Holy Cross, Boston College cancels a party at a nightclub. A fire there that night kills 491.

1946-49

Notre Dame goes four years without a loss under Frank Leahy.

Nov. 9, 1946

Four Heisman Trophy winners play in Notre Dame and Army's 0-0 tie.

Jan. 1, 1951

Bear Bryant's Kentucky Wildcats stun Oklahoma 13-7, end Sooners' 33-game winning streak.

Nov. 16, 1957

Notre Dame ends Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak 7-0.

1961

Syracuse's Ernie Davis is the first black player to win the Heisman. Tragically, he dies of leukemia in 1963.

Jan. 1, 1963

USC nearly blows a 42-14 lead vs. Wisconsin, holding on to win 42-37.

Nov. 18, 1967

Behan vs. Simpson. UCLA vs. USC. USC wins 21-20 on Simpson's 64-yard TD.

1944-46

The Army teams of Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis don't lose a game in three years.

Jan. 1, 1946

Bobby Lane of Texas has a hand in every one of his team's 40 points in the Cotton Bowl.

Nov. 30, 1946

Army (with Blanchard and Davis) 21, Navy 18.

Jan. 1, 1954

Bama's Tommy Lewis steps off the sideline to tackle Rice's Dicky Mearge in the Cotton Bowl.

Halloween, 1959

Billy Cannon's punt return helps LSU beat Ole Miss 7-3.

1962

Michigan State's Duffy Daugherty signs the first soccer-style placekicker, Louis Bobbit.

Nov. 19, 1966

Alan Page. Bubba Smith. No. 1 vs. No. 2. Notre Dame 10, Michigan State 10

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Infamous Moments

"Wrong Way" Riegels

In the 1929 Rose Bowl, California center Roy Riegels grabs a Georgia Tech fumble, becomes confused and reverses his field, running 64 yards before being caught by his teammate Benny Lom at his own 2-yard line.

Kris Jenner, 3 INTs in Liberty Bowl

In the final game of Bear Bryant's career, Alabama knocks out Illinois quarterback Tony Eason three times. Each time he is replaced by backup quarterback Kris Jenner. Jenner takes three snaps in the game and throws three interceptions.

Woody Hayes' punch

In what would prove to be his last game as Ohio State coach, Woody Hayes allows his emotions to overcome him and he punches Clemson linebacker Charlie Bauman as he is tackled on the Buckeyes' sideline near Hayes after making the game-sealing interception.

Brian Bosworth's Orange Bowl T-shirt

After testing positive for steroids prior to the Orange Bowl, Oklahoma All-America linebacker Brian Bosworth is suspended for the game by the NCAA. Bosworth displays a T-shirt with the inscription, National Communists Against Athletes on the sidelines during the game.

Tommy Lewis tackles Dicky Maegle

The temptation is too great as Alabama's Tommy Lewis runs off the sideline and tackles Rice's Dicky Maegle as he was running for an apparent touchdown. Maegle was awarded a score on the play.

Best Kickers

Kevin Butler	Georgia	1984
Philip Doyle	Alabama	1990
Russell Erxleben	Texas	1978
John Lee	UCLA	1985
Chuck Nelson	Washington	1982

Classic Moments

MIT Ingenuity

In the second quarter of a Harvard-Yale contest, an inflated object suddenly grows out of the ground at midfield. With the letters MIT plainly visible, the balloon-like object swells, then explodes, filling the stadium with smoke. The game is delayed several minutes.

The Play

After five laterals, Cal's Kevin Moen takes a kickoff the final 30 yards for a winning touchdown with no time on the clock, weaving his way through the Stanford band, which had already taken the field thinking the game was over. He bowls over a trombone player just after crossing the goal line. It is the most bizarre play in college football history.

Hail Flutie

All that remains is hope for a miracle. And that's what Flutie delivers: a 65-yard pass to Gerard Phelan on the final play for a 47-45 win over Miami.

Classic Confrontations

Illinois 39 Michigan 14 1924

On this day, the immortal Red Grange was at his finest. In perhaps the greatest individual performance in college football history, Grange scored five touchdowns and passed for another. In the first 12 minutes of the game he scored on runs of 95, 67, 56, and 44 yards, while gaining 303 yards.

SMU 20 TCU 14 1935

In perhaps the most ballyhooed game ever in the Southwest, the pair of 10-0 teams met with their respective seasons riding on the game. With 10 minutes to play and the game tied, SMU faked a punt as Bob Finley threw a scoring pass to the leaping Bobby Wilson, a unanimous All-American, for the final scoring play of the game.

Notre Dame 35 Army 13 1913

Although the forward pass was legalized in 1906, mass formations were still the order of the day as the most effective way to advance the ball. In this contest against Army, Gus Dorais of Notre Dame

threw a then unheard-of 17 passes, completing 14 for 243 yards and two touchdowns, one to Knute Rockne. Coaches then realized that the forward pass was not just a desperation ploy, but rather a legitimate weapon. Dorais is credited as being one of the first passers to throw a spiral. Rockne may have been the first end to catch passes over his shoulder while on the run. Most of the first passes were short lobs caught against the chest.

Notre Dame 10 Michigan State 10 1966

The top-ranked Fighting Irish traveled to East Lansing to face No. 2 Michigan State. After 60 grueling minutes, nothing was settled. After starting quarterback Terry Hanratty had left the game when Bubba Smith rearranged his shoulder, Coley O'Brien took over and rallied the Irish. Requiring two insulin shots a day to control his diabetes, O'Brien became rather weak during the contest. With five minutes to play Notre Dame intercepted a pass and returned inside the Spartans 20-yard line, but the offense couldn't move the ball. The Irish settled for a 42-yard field goal try that sailed wide to the right.

The Greatest Coaches

Earl "Red" Blaik 166-48-14
(Dartmouth 1934-40; Army 1941-58)

Bobby Bowden 292-85-4
(Samford 1959-62; West Virginia 1970-75; Florida State 1976-present)

Bear Bryant 323-85-17
(Maryland 1945; Texas A&M 1954-57; Kentucky 1946-53; Alabama 1958-82)

Frank Leahy 107-13-9
(Boston College 1939-40; Notre Dame 1941-43; 1946-53)

Bob Neyland 173-31-12
(Tennessee 1926-34, 1936-40, 1946-52)

Tom Osborne 255-49-3
(Nebraska 1973-97)

Joe Paterno 307-80-3
(Penn St. 1966-present)

Eddie Robinson 408-165-15
(Grambling 1941-42; 1945-97)

Knute Rockne 105-12-5
(Notre Dame 1918-30)

Amos Alonzo Stagg 314-199-35
(Springfield 1890-91; Chicago 1892-1932; Pacific 1933-46)

Pop Warner 319-106-32
(Georgia 1895-96; Cornell 1897-98; 1904-06; Carlisle 1899-1903, 07-14; Pittsburgh 1915-23; Stanford 1924-32; Temple 1933-38)

Bud Wilkinson 145-29-4
(Oklahoma 1947-63)

Fielding Yost 196-36-12
(Ohio Wesleyan 1897; Nebraska 1898; Kansas 1899; Stanford 1900; Michigan 1901-23, 1925-26)

The game ended as Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian ordered his team to play it safe with the ball on its own 30 with little time left.

Notre Dame 0 Army 0 1946

World War II was over, Notre Dame coach Frank Leahy had returned from the Navy and many former Notre Dame stars were returning to school for the service. There were no empty seats at Yankee Stadium. Reportedly the game had sold out in June although tickets didn't officially go on sale until August. More than \$500,000 in refunds was issued to disappointed fans. Red Blaik's Cadets included Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis. Notre Dame countered with Johnny Lujack and Leon Hart. Four Heisman Trophy winners in one game.

Alabama 14 Penn State 7 1978

In the Sugar Bowl, with the national title on the line, Barry Krauss made the most beloved tackle in the storied history of Bama football. On fourth down from the 1-yard line, after three previous failed attempts to score, Krauss met Penn State's Mike Guman helmet-to-helmet in a jarring collision that stunned both players.

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55 Points in 17 Minutes

It was perhaps the greatest explosion in college football history; it came against the nation's top-ranked defense; and it came courtesy of a player who made a career of humbling the storied Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The Irish held a 24-0 lead over the USC Trojans late in the second quarter of their contest on Nov. 30, 1974. A 7-yard touchdown pass from Pat Haden to Anthony Davis and a failed two-point conversion left USC with a still-daunting 24-6 halftime deficit. Whatever John McKay, the Trojans' irascible coach, said at halftime, even he couldn't have anticipated the impending explosion.

Here's how the third quarter unfolded:

- Davis rocked the Coliseum crowd and set open the floodgates with a 102-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to open the second half.
- Davis scored on two short runs, his 10th and 11th touchdowns vs. the Irish in three games.
- Haden threw touchdown passes of 18 and 45 yards to Johnny McKay, the coach's son.
- Haden hit Shelton Diggs for a 16-yard score.
- Charles Phillips returned an interception 58 yards for a touchdown.

55 astounding points in just under 17 minutes of action. "We turned into madmen," Davis said afterwards. "Against Notre Dame?" said a disbelieving Johnny McKay. "Maybe against Kent State, but Notre Dame?"

More Great Games

Penn State 14 Miami 10 1986

In a Fiesta bowl moved to Jan. 2 to capitalize on national championship hype, No. 1 ranked Miami faced No. 2 Penn State. With 18 seconds left, Penn State linebacker Pete Giftpoulos intercepted a Vinny Testaverde pass at the goal line to earn the title for the Lions.

Boston College 47 Miami 25 1984

It wasn't just the now-famous "Hail Mary" pass from Doug Flutie to Gerard Phelan to clinch the game on the final play, this game was a classic nail biter from the opening kick.

BYU 46 SMU 45 1980

In the Holiday Bowl, BYU quarterback Jim McMahon led an emotion-filled comeback, leading the Cougars to 27 points in the fourth quarter. On the game's final play, McMahon threw a 46-yard scoring strike to Clay Brown. SMU led 45-25 with four minutes to play.

Auburn 17 Alabama 16 1972

Leading cozily 16-3 with less than six minutes to play, Alabama lined up to punt near midfield. Auburn linebacker Bill Newton rushed through the line untouched to block the kick. The ball bounced directly to teammate David Langner who ran 25 yards for a score. With just under two minutes left, instant replay. Newton ran through untouched, blocked the kick, and the ball bounced to Langner who scored the winning touchdown. Every citizen of the state of Alabama can explain what the chant "Punt, Bama, Punt" means.

More Great Teams

Illinois 1923 8-0
The Galloping Ghost may have been the best ever.

Texas 1969 11-0
Quarterback James Street was clutch, a la Joe Montana, as Longhorns won 30 straight from 1968-70.

Miami 1987 12-0
Defeated five Top 10 teams (at the time of the game) by a total of 79 points.

Alabama 1992 13-0
The Tide outscored their opponents by 244 points and allowed no more than 21 points in any game.

Ohio State 1968 10-0
Defeated No. 2 USC 27-16 in Rose Bowl.

Alabama 1979 12-0
Major Ogilvie became Alabama folk hero.

Notre Dame 1949 10-0
"It's the greatest college team I've ever seen."
-Red Grange.

Michigan 1947 10-0
Trounced USC 49-0 in Rose Bowl.

UCLA 1954 9-0
Outscored opponents 367-40.

Tennessee 1938 11-0
Vols won 15 consecutive shutouts in 1938-39.

More Memorable Moments

Texas' Fourth-Down Call, Dec. 7, 1996

It was the inaugural Big 12 Championship Game. Defending national champion Nebraska, against underdog Texas. The Longhorns, leading 30-27, faced a fourth down near midfield, when John Mackovic rolled the dice. "Steelers Roll Left" was the call, a run-pass option for quarterback James Brown. "Look to run," Mackovic told Brown. Instead, Brown flipped the ball to little-used tight end Derek Lewis, who raced toward the Nebraska goal line. The ensuing touchdown gave Texas a memorable 37-27 win.

Colorado's Fifth Down, Oct. 6, 1990

On this day, Colorado was both lucky and good. Trailing 31-27 to underdog Missouri, the Buffaloes embarked on a desperate march in the final minute. On first and goal at the Mizzou three-yard line, QB Charles Johnson spiked the ball to stop the clock. Eric Bieniemy then ran to the one. Timeout. One problem: the officials didn't move the down marker. On the next play, Bieniemy was stopped short. On what should have been fourth down, Johnson spiked the ball again. Finally, on an infamous fifth down, Johnson squirted into the end zone. Colorado would claim a share of the national title.

More Coaching Legends

Gil Dobie 180-45-15
(North Dakota State 1906-07;
Washington 1908-16; Navy 1917-19;
Cornell 1920-35; Boston College
1936-38)

Woody Hayes 238-72-10
(Denison 1946-48; Miami (Ohio)
1949-50; Ohio State 1951-78)

Bo Schembechler 234-65-8
(Miami (Ohio) 1963-68; Michigan
1969-89)

Jock Sutherland 144-28-14
(Lafayette 1919-23; Pitt 1924-38)

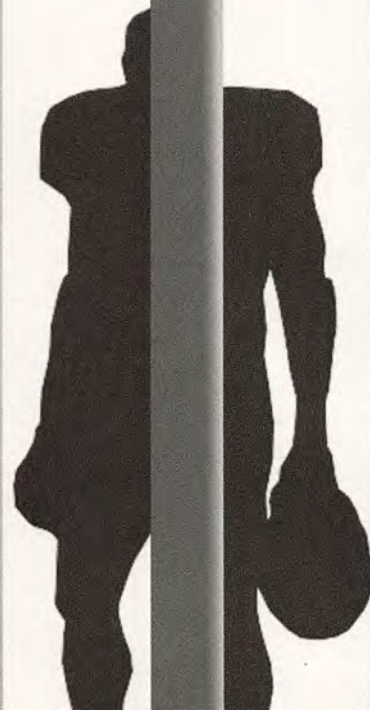
Barry Switzer 157-29-4
(Oklahoma 1973-88)

It's all about the beer.



The Criminal Dilemma

By Liz Chandler



The call shocked NC State football coach Mike O'Cain. Five of his players had been arrested for breaking into an apartment and assaulting a student.

Within hours, O'Cain was dishing out punishment. And it wasn't much longer before the coach found himself embroiled in controversy like those playing out on campuses nationwide.

How could O'Cain justify suspending just one player?

Hadn't all five used bad judgment, even if only one threw punches?

Shouldn't the coach yank scholarships? Send a message? Protect the college's reputation?

Students and residents criticized the coach. Even the local prosecutor blasted O'Cain for interviewing witnesses before police had finished taking statements.

"I never said a word to change or influence their story," O'Cain explained then, just days before the Wolfpack's 1995 season opener.

"I was trying to make a decision. I had media people calling. Everybody was breathing down my neck about what I was going to do."

Last fall, O'Cain faced a similar crisis: Three players were arrested for their role in a

break-in and assault — only this time, the student ended up dead.

Police said the incident began when the student fired shots into the air to quiet a party across the street. A bullet grazed the arm of one party-goer, a wrestler, so the football players went after the student. They barged into his apartment, and police said the gun went off during the ensuing scuffle.

This time, O'Cain immediately kicked all three players off his team. No questions. No interviews. The players' poor judgment deserved "swift and harsh" punishment, O'Cain said. That, he had learned, is what the public expects.

"It's a dilemma trying to balance the punishment they deserve with the compassion they need," O'Cain says. "You've got to protect your kids but you've also got to protect your integrity, and the integrity of your team and institution."

What do you do when a student-athlete breaks the law? It's a question virtually every college faces these days. The answer varies widely from school to school. And with no guidelines from the NCAA, discipline decisions are influenced by coach and college philosophy, an athlete's history, as well as the severity of the crime. But what part does the

emphasis on winning games play in the decision to discipline athletes?

"If we have a choice, we come down on the side of the student-athlete," says Bill Byrne, who, as Nebraska athletic director, has presided over many controversial disciplinary decisions.

"If whatever they've done is not too egregious, we'll try to give them a second chance. We're a pretty high-profile program. So we have to be careful not to punish a kid too harshly just because everybody's watching."

That mentality, shared by many colleges, has left some people wondering who is held accountable for law-breaking athletes. Is anybody made to answer for players involved in barroom brawls, drunk driving, gun and drug violations and sexual assaults?

Too often, critics say, coaches and administrators let athletes get away with all but murder.

"Most of the situations we become aware of are either covered up or 'handled administratively,' which means very minimal consequences for the athlete," says Trudy Gregorie, of the National Center for Victims of Crime.

Her organization wants colleges nationally to adopt a "zero tolerance" policy for crime by

athletes. But the reality, she says, is that many schools care more about cultivating winning teams than about keeping students safe.

"There are a lot of athletes who are almost lethal weapons. The punch they can throw and the damage they can do with their bodies is extreme," says Gregorie. "Their victims will never be the same person they once were. The victims don't get a second chance."

Colleges have grappled with the issue of athlete punishment but can't agree on a nationwide solution, says University of Nevada President Joe Crowley. He led the recent restructuring of the NCAA to give college presidents more control over athletics.

"Most institutions are agonizing over this," says Crowley. "I've heard dozens of discussions over the years. It's a very naughty problem."

Much like the "dumbing down" trend many fear has happened to American education, a "valuing down" is occurring in college athletic departments.

"The problem is that coaches are under such intense pressure to win, they'll bring in a criminal — and do whatever it takes to keep him — if he can help the team win," says Jeff Benedict. He's the former research director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

"This second chance stuff is a red herring," he says. "It's a convenient thing to cite because it appeals to people's sympathy. But when you look closely, it's more often like the fifth or sixth chance the guy's been given. These are people who are never held accountable."

Colleges should do more, Benedict says, to weed out criminals and instead reward more deserving students with sports scholarships that can top \$100,000 in value.

"They make exceptions for (athletes') grades and bad behavior," says Benedict. "They'll tell you they're doing it to give a kid a chance at an education, but we all know the real reason is so these kids can perform on the field and help their school make money."

It's unclear whether today's college athletes actually commit more crimes than previous generations, or whether their misdeeds are just more widely reported because of their hero status.

Some sports veterans argue that athletes — particularly football players — have always gotten into fights and trouble, they just weren't covered in the sports pages.

"The culture has changed," says Nebraska's Byrne. "It used to be that something would happen at a bar and people would say 'Well, boys will be boys.' Now

they're arrested, and every detail is dragged through the papers."

Byrne was on the front lines in deciding how to punish Lawrence Phillips, the 1995 example critics cite as a classic case of crime-but-no-punishment for athletes.

Nebraska's star running back, Phillips was a leading prospect to win the Heisman Trophy when he was arrested for beating up his ex-girlfriend. It was his third run-in with police in 18 months. And just a day before

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— Activist Mariah Nelson

the assault, athletic director Byrne notes, Phillips had come off an NCAA-imposed suspension for having had improper contact with a sports agent. After consulting with Nebraska's lawyers and top leadership, Byrne and then-Nebraska-coach Tom Osborne suspended Phillips from the team.

But they were widely criticized when they reinstated Phillips to the roster after six games — and played him in the national championship game at the Fiesta Bowl.

Phillips was instrumental in Nebraska's 62–24 Fiesta win over Florida, scoring three touchdowns to capture what was considered the national championship. Neither coach nor athletic director suffered any apparent repercussions. And they stand by their decision today.

"We knew we were going to take a hit (in public opinion), but I think we did the right thing," says Byrne. "People can say we brought him back for the championship, but I can assure you we still would have beaten Florida like a tom-tom with or without Lawrence Phillips."

Phillips left college without graduating in 1996 when the St. Louis Rams drafted him into the NFL. His troubles continued.

In 19 months with the Rams — according to Benedict's new book, called *Pros and Cons: The Criminals Who Play in the NFL* —

Phillips was arrested three times, served jail time for domestic violence, and was twice sued by women, once for domestic violence and once for sexual assault. The Rams finally cut Phillips in 1997, but the Miami Dolphins scooped him up.

The Dolphins dumped Phillips last summer after police announced they were investigating allegations that Phillips had punched a woman in the face at a bar. That was enough for the entire NFL.

"Colleges have an obligation to stop promoting these guys on to the NFL," says Benedict, where athletes join the most high-profile role models in America.

"When a student-athlete is implicated in criminal conduct, this safety net comes up around him. They have a coach or coaches come to their defense and they'll have thousands of people in the community who will cheer for them. All that works against the system treating them fairly." Benedict's book reports an amazing number of NFL players have had brushes with the law: At least 21% of 509 NFL players studied had been arrested for serious crimes including assault, sexual



assault, theft, drugs and gun violations. Many of these athletes first broke the law in college, says Benedict, but were allowed to finish their careers and move on to lucrative deals in the NFL.

Some coaches and criminologists say today's college athletes do seem more prone to criminal behavior, noting that society in general has become more violent.

A 1996 Knight-Ridder Newspapers analysis found lots of football player crime:

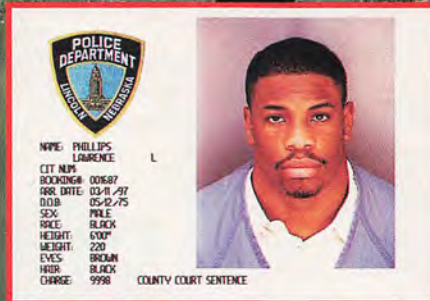
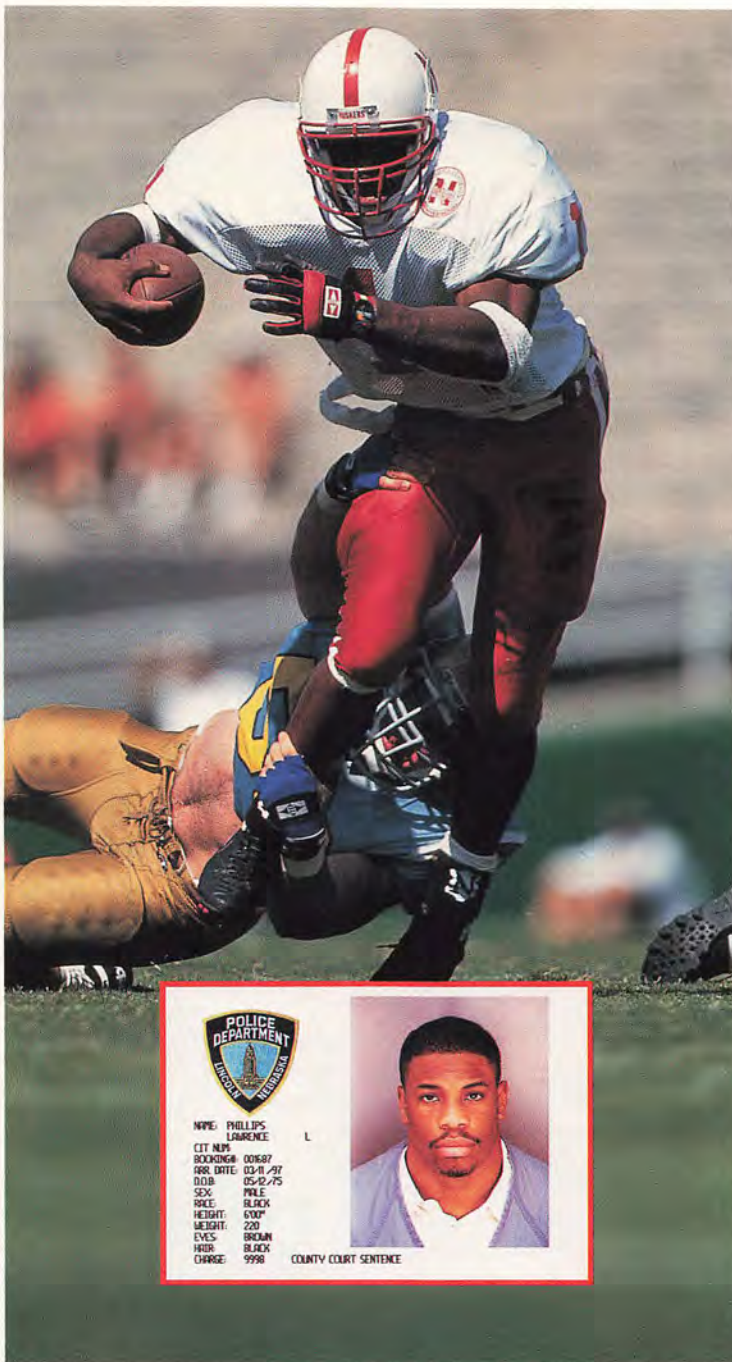
- 25 University of Miami players arrested a total of 36 times over five years. Charges ranged from disorderly conduct to urinating in public to sexual battery.
- 23 Nebraska players arrested over six years, 18 resulting in convictions.
- 17 Florida State players charged over five years, four with felonies.
- 12 Clemson players charged over 14 months.
- 10 arrests in two years at Tennessee, including four assault convictions.

Many coaches argue, however, that college athletes commit no more crime than other college students: "It's just that these guys are under a microscope, so they're constantly singled out," says North Carolina football coach Carl Torbush.

But several studies offer anecdotal evidence that male athletes do get into trouble more frequently than the average male student does.

An *Omaha World-Herald* survey, assisted by the Gallup Organization, found that in 1994 the Nebraska football team had a conviction rate more than twice as high as other men on campus. The newspaper found that 13.2 percent of the 129-member football team had been convicted of misdemeanor crimes or alcohol-related offenses, compared with 6 percent of other undergraduate male students.

A 1986 *Philadelphia Daily News* survey of 200 university police departments found that football and basketball players were reported for sexual assault 38 percent more frequently than other male students. That conclusion was supported by more recent studies at the universities of Massachusetts and Arizona.



drafted by the New England Patriots in 1996, then immediately released when owner Bob Kraft learned about Peter's extensive criminal record. During his college career, Peter had been arrested eight times and convicted four times on a variety of charges, according to Benedict's book.

He was convicted in May 1994 for groping a former Miss Nebraska, and for assaulting another woman. He was arrested for refusing to obey the order of a police officer and on third-degree assault charges for threatening to kill a parking attendant, according to Benedict's research.

Finally, Nebraska settled a civil lawsuit filed by a former student alleging that Peter twice raped her. The college paid out \$50,000, which went toward the woman's medical expenses, says victim rights advocate Gregorie, whose National Victim Center helped in the case.

"School administrators can be found negligent if they become aware of violent offenses by an athlete or any student on campus and they allow it to go unpunished," says Gregorie. "They're putting everybody on campus at risk."

Peter has declined to talk about his past. His agent, former NFL player Ralph Cindrich, says Peter's problems were "blown way out of proportion. There were liberties taken with the facts. But when

you're a public figure as highly visible as college athletes are, things tend to mushroom."

Still, the Patriots believed enough to cut Peter, explaining in a press release that his "behavior is incompatible with our organization's standards of acceptable conduct."

The pro team received a flood of letters and calls supporting the statement that Nebraska had been unwilling to make.

Byrne explains that Peter's problems stemmed from alcohol abuse and that Nebraska mixed counseling and punishment to discipline him.

"We got him into counseling and anger-management classes. He was also suspended from games," says Byrne. "It's really a fine line. If we think we can rehabilitate a player, we do that."

"Football itself trains men to hate women," says Mariah Burton Nelson, author of *The Stronger Women Get, The More Men Love Football: Sexism and the American Culture of Sports*.

"The violent nature of the game breeds aggressive behavior off the field," says Nelson. "And the macho culture and locker room sex jokes promote violence against women."

She cites a now-infamous remark by Penn State coach Joe Paterno: "I'm going to go home and beat my wife," he once joked at a press conference after his football team lost.

"They are called sissies. They are called wuss and wimp if they're not violent," Nelson says.

The case of Christian Peter backs her point. The standout Nebraska lineman was

It's not a university's job, however, to rehabilitate troublemakers, says Benedict.

But should taxpayers foot the bill for what have become post-high school rehab centers?

"It's taxpayer money that pays for these scholarships and treatment programs. Surely there are people are more deserving of that money — they may just not be quite as good of an athlete."

Nelson contends: "Coaches should take a moral stand and say 'I will not have players on my team who beat women.' That's not too much to ask."

Those words don't come from women's activists alone. Former Dallas Cowboy John Niland admitted to *Newsday* that he physically abused his first wife during his playing days in the 1970s.

"Off-the-field violence has been in the closet for a very long time," Niland told *Newsday*. "Any athlete who thinks he can be as violent as you can be playing football, and leave it on the field, is kidding himself."

Football coaches often ignore violent behavior because it's not perceived as a direct threat to a player's performance, Benedict says. Gang activities, drugs and gambling are bigger worries, seen as dangerous to players and teams. (Warren Sapp is one noted exception: He played for Miami in the 1995 Orange Bowl, despite reports of multiple positive drug tests.)

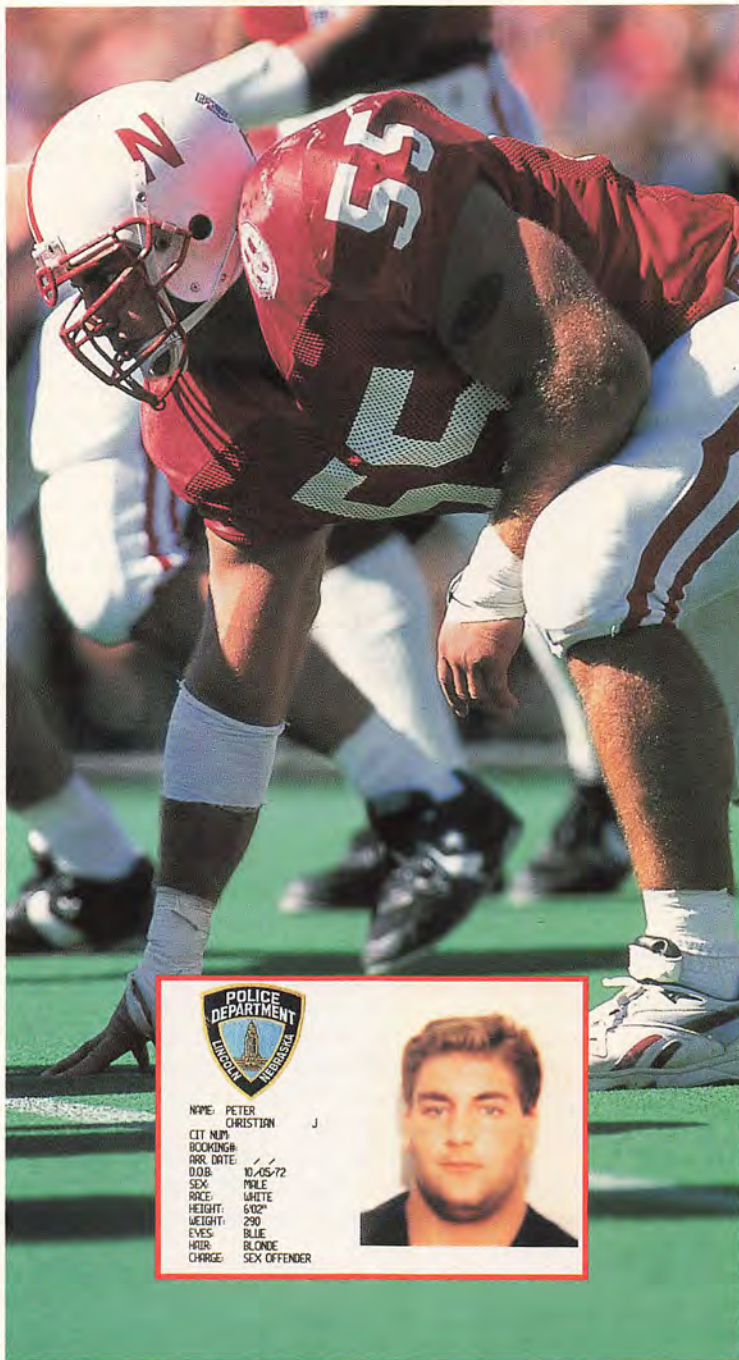
"Violent behavior and assaults on women are not the kind of crimes that scare coaches away," says Benedict. "In fact, they're looking for aggressive behavior."

The case of Ryan Tucker shows that, he says.

The former Texas Christian University center, was indicted along with three teammates in June 1996 for a brutal beating that left a fellow student brain damaged.

Bryan Boyd had been punched and kicked repeatedly as he lay face down in the parking lot of a Fort Worth bar. His skull was fractured when his assailants rammed him head-first into a brick wall.

Yet TCU coach Pat Sullivan saw no reason



wrong," says Sara Boyd, Bryan's mother, who had been informed by doctors on the night of the assault that her son would likely die from his injuries.

"What gets me most is not what those boys did drunk, but what the administrators did stone cold sober," she says.

She can't imagine how then-Chancellor William E. Tucker (no relation) looked at photos of her battered son "then turned his head away," she says. The family has sued the college.

One question they want answered is why the football players were never subjected to a hearing board for discipline. TCU's student Code of Conduct clearly cites assault and under-age alcohol use as violations that require a hearing that can result in expulsion.

"Why weren't these boys treated like every other student? And why didn't the college follow its own rules?" Boyd asks.

Today, as Tucker draws a \$350,000 salary and starts his third NFL season, Bryan Boyd still struggles to finish college. He'd expected to graduate by 1997 or 1998, but studying is much more difficult now. He moved to a new school. After two separate assaults by athletes against him, he no longer felt safe at TCU.

The NCAA offers little guidance when student-athletes are charged with crimes. The college sports governing body leaves punishment up to schools, unless an athlete's crime also somehow violates eligibility rules.

An athlete and his school, for example, may face NCAA sanctions if he or she tests positive for drugs or signs with an agent. But no punishment is mandated if a player is arrested or convicted of a crime.

Unlike the professional football and basketball leagues, the NCAA leadership has no authority to intervene in horrific crimes or lax punishment decisions.

"The membership believes it's best for each school to handle its own discipline problems," says NCAA spokeswoman Jane Jankowski. "We primarily regulate competition and eligibility."

to suspend his football players until the courts acted — which took nearly two years.

Sullivan's decision allowed Tucker to finish his college career and win the attention of the NFL. When St. Louis drafted him, Rams coach Dick Vermeil downplayed Tucker's crime, joking to reporters: "He can finish a fight, that's a positive."

When the Texas courts finally ruled, a judge spared Tucker jail time and sentenced him to probation, allowing his NFL career to continue uninterrupted. Two other players received similar sentences, and one player was acquitted by a jury.

TCU never imposed punishment: The court action had taken so long, the players had either graduated or transferred.

"What those boys did to my son was

Dennis Hubbard

University of Nevada President Crowley says it's hard to find one approach to punishment that every college can live with.

At his school, an athlete charged with a felony or gross misdemeanor is suspended from sports until the courts act. Misdemeanor charges mean instant probation, with immediate suspension if there's any more trouble.

"It's policy. The coach has no choice. We don't go through all that agony of weighing circumstances and comparing precedents, which is guaranteed to do harm to your institution," says Crowley.

"We established our policy fully understanding that there is an element of unfairness to it. I don't know that this approach is a great answer — this is our answer."

Players have challenged Nevada's rules, complaining that they presume guilt and exact punishment before charges are proven. But Crowley answers that suspended athletes haven't been deprived of any rights — only the privilege of playing college sports.

The chain of accountability for a school's athletics must be clearly established, says Crowley.

If an athlete is arrested, he or she should face some punishment.

If the player is inadequately punished, the coach must be held accountable.

If the coach isn't admonished or punished, the President should scrutinize the Athletic Director.

And if the President fails to act, says Crowley, the college board of directors should ask questions about the President on down.

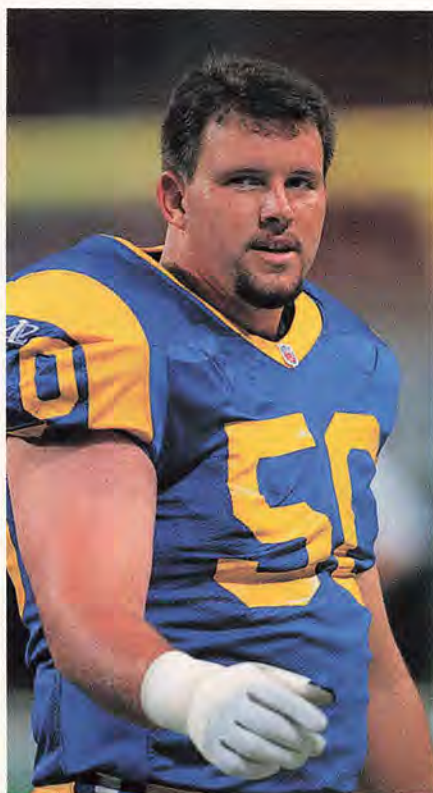
"There has to be clear understanding of who's in charge," says Crowley, who once fired a basketball coach for allowing two athletes to dress for a game after they'd been arrested for robbery.

School administrators must set limits, says Gregorie: "If they don't, they encourage criminal behavior by creating an environment that tolerates it."

The NCAA should also take more responsibility and develop policies for every school to follow. The courts play a role, too, in making sure athletes aren't coddled. The ultimate judgment rests with citizens, she says, who can lobby school leaders and boycott games if they're unhappy.

Minimally, critics say, discipline decisions should be taken out of coaches' hands, as they have at Nevada and Iowa State, among others.

"Coaches and athletic directors have such strong incentive to let the kids play. It's almost always asking too much to let them make the decisions," University of Cincinnati criminologist Frank Cullen told the *Houston Chronicle*.



Ryan Tucker will make \$350,000 as a center for the Rams. Bryan Boyd is struggling to graduate from college after brain injury.

Many college coaches, however, argue that they take criminal charges seriously, and are best positioned to make fair decisions. Most coaches gather information about an incident, consult with college officials and lawyers, then try to levy punishment that deters athletes from repeating such behavior, but also recognizes special circumstances.

"He can finish a fight, that's a positive."

— Rams coach Dick Vermeil on Ryan Tucker

"You've got to go with your gut. You've got to have courage," says Ohio State Athletic Director Andy Geiger. "Lots of times it takes more courage to keep them than it does to get rid of them."

Often, coaches say, it's tough to find the truth about what happened in an alleged crime. Police officers occasionally trump up charges. And people frequently antagonize athletes, criticizing game performances and goading them into fights.

As a result, many coaches say it's only fair to wait for the criminal justice system to act before punishing their players.

North Carolina's Torbush recently did just that — and says he's glad he did.

Just before the Tar Heels' 1997 season finale, seven of his players were charged in the nightclub attack of a student, who suffered a broken cheekbone, bruised ribs and other injuries. Torbush allowed the players to finish the season.

In court later, four players plead or were found guilty. Torbush suspended three players for three games; the fourth had finished school and was out of reach.

But charges were dropped against one player, and two were found not guilty.

"Those guys would have lost the last game of their careers if I had suspended them all immediately," the coach says. "I try not to make a hasty decision. If I feel like I know for sure what happened, I will act. But in this case there were lots of different versions of what happened. I didn't feel comfortable suspending anybody."

A combination of coaches' charity and punishment also paid off for Jamie Duncan's youthful mistakes.

As a Vanderbilt freshman, Duncan was arrested for using another student's debit card to buy more than \$200 in goodies from campus shops. He was kicked off the team and out of school for a year — but was allowed to return once he'd paid his dues.

Working his way back on to the team, Duncan built four years of statistics good enough to win All-America honors — though he nearly missed the final game of his career.

As a senior, with just one game left, Duncan was arrested when he refused a police officer's order to clear a parking lot outside an unruly college party. Coaches let him play. And today, he plays for Tampa Bay.

Coaches say they feel bound to their athletes, determined to honor the commitment they make to parents when they recruit a child away to school.

"When we sit in somebody's living room we really are making a commitment to be a surrogate parent to their child," says Torbush.

Many schools try to mold young athletes with lectures on behavior, counseling, academic tutoring and seminars on making wise choices. Players at North Carolina even receive cards with coaches' phone numbers, so athletes can call anytime if they're in trouble.

"We try to do a great job educating our players because everybody is not brought up in the same home," says Torbush. "I try to make them understand what I believe and what the university stands for."

Such support is crucial to close the gap between values taught by some families and the expectations of universities.

"We all know that in sports there is

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recruitment of kids who otherwise might not be coming to the institution, and whose backgrounds suggest that there is a greater likelihood of trouble," he says. "In those cases, institutions have the clear responsibility to make sure those young men and women are adequately prepared for what they're going to encounter."

If an athlete is arrested, punishment should vary with circumstances, says Geiger, Ohio State's Athletic Director. Colleges must balance a student's history and legal rights with the seriousness of the crime.

"There's an awful lot of baiting that goes on," says Geiger. "I'm more lenient on a bar-room brawl or a party that gets out of hand than other things because I know what can happen."

"One DUI is not a shattering event for an athlete or any student, unless somebody is seriously injured. But a series of DUIs, that's shattering," says Geiger. "We consider an assault on a woman very serious, but that's a very difficult area to deal with" because allegations often boil down to a question of consent.

Pattern is one element coaches and administrators look for when punishing a law-breaker. An athlete who repeatedly breaks team rules and then gets arrested will be dealt with more harshly than a first-time offender.

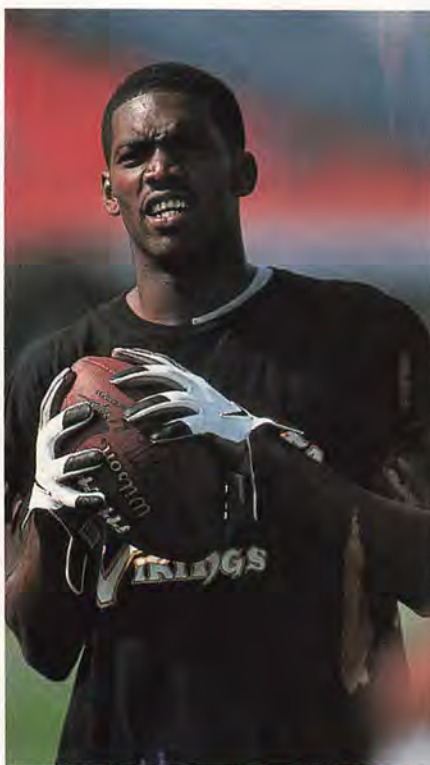
Many schools, including Ohio State, follow a two-strike policy — two busts and you're suspended. For some schools, arrests alone trigger suspension, while others look for convictions.

Critics say coaches' parental inclination toward athletes is commendable but note that sometimes parents must cut privileges to teach children about consequences, instead of granting repeated chances.

It is dangerous, for example, for colleges to treat even one drunk driving charge lightly, says victim rights advocate Gregorie. Look what happened to Kentucky center Jason Watts last season, who recently lost his sports career and went to prison after killing three people while driving drunk.

Criminal athletes don't deserve two strikes, some argue. "If athletes are out getting arrested they're in the wrong place. They're making bad decisions," says Nelson. And many of the athletes who engage in crime start college with juvenile records that coaches don't count against them."

"Coaches need to be more responsible with who they're recruiting," says Benedict. They



Steve Wehmann

Randy Moss became Exhibit A for those campaigning against criminal behavior among athletes.

need to scrutinize potential athletes in their neighborhoods, schools and homes, so they'll be well aware if there's potential for trouble.

AFC Rookie of the Year Corey Dillon is one example. His extensive juvenile record — including assault and a bust for selling cocaine — didn't dissuade the University of Washing-

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— Former Clemson coach Tommy West

ton from offering him a scholarship, according to Benedict's book. And it didn't stop the Cincinnati Bengals from drafting him.

His history, however, may have cost him millions. Despite impressive college football statistics, Dillon wasn't chosen until the second round of the 1997 draft with the 43rd overall pick, giving him far less power to bargain for a top-dollar contract.

Minnesota receiver Randy Moss felt a similar financial sting. Perhaps tainted by Lawrence Phillips' bad example in the NFL, Moss was selected 21st in the 1998 NFL draft, much later than Phillips had

been two years earlier.

Moss, however, almost didn't make the pros at all: The two-strike rules nearly claimed his college career.

Perhaps the nation's best high school wide receiver, Moss originally signed with Notre Dame, but the hallowed institution refused to admit him, claiming his application didn't meet standards. The school had also discovered that Moss already had one strike against him: He'd served jail time for assaulting a fellow high school student.

But Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz helped Moss land on his feet. He phoned Florida State coach Bobby Bowden with a strong endorsement.

Bowden signed Moss with the understanding that Moss would sit out his freshman year to put his criminal past — and his court-imposed community service — behind him. "I thought long and hard," Bowden says. "I really thought this kid had been unduly sentenced."

But a year later, Moss failed a drug test. Strike two. He was released without playing a single down for Bowden.

Fortunately for Moss, Marshall University stepped forward to save his career. And Moss was ultimately welcomed by the Minnesota Vikings, even though his growing criminal record — which, according to Benedict's book, included a conviction and an arrest on two separate domestic violence charges — was enough to make most NFL teams pass over him.

In the end, it may be college students who force change from athletic departments. Across America, they're noticing the special treatment and protection athletes receive.

Three years ago at Clemson, where nine football players had been recently arrested, then-coach Tommy West tried to calm tensions on campus at a meeting of the student Senate. Instead,

students confronted him.

"How am I supposed to feel around these football players," student Hannah Parker asked. "As it stands, personally, I don't feel safe with the football program here."

West said the problem was the nature of football. "We're dealing with a very aggressive person. If he's not aggressive and you've got a football team filled with people who don't really want to hit anybody, then I'm not going to be a coach very long."

West was right: He was fired from Clemson last season — not for his players' criminal behavior, but for his dismal 3–8 record.

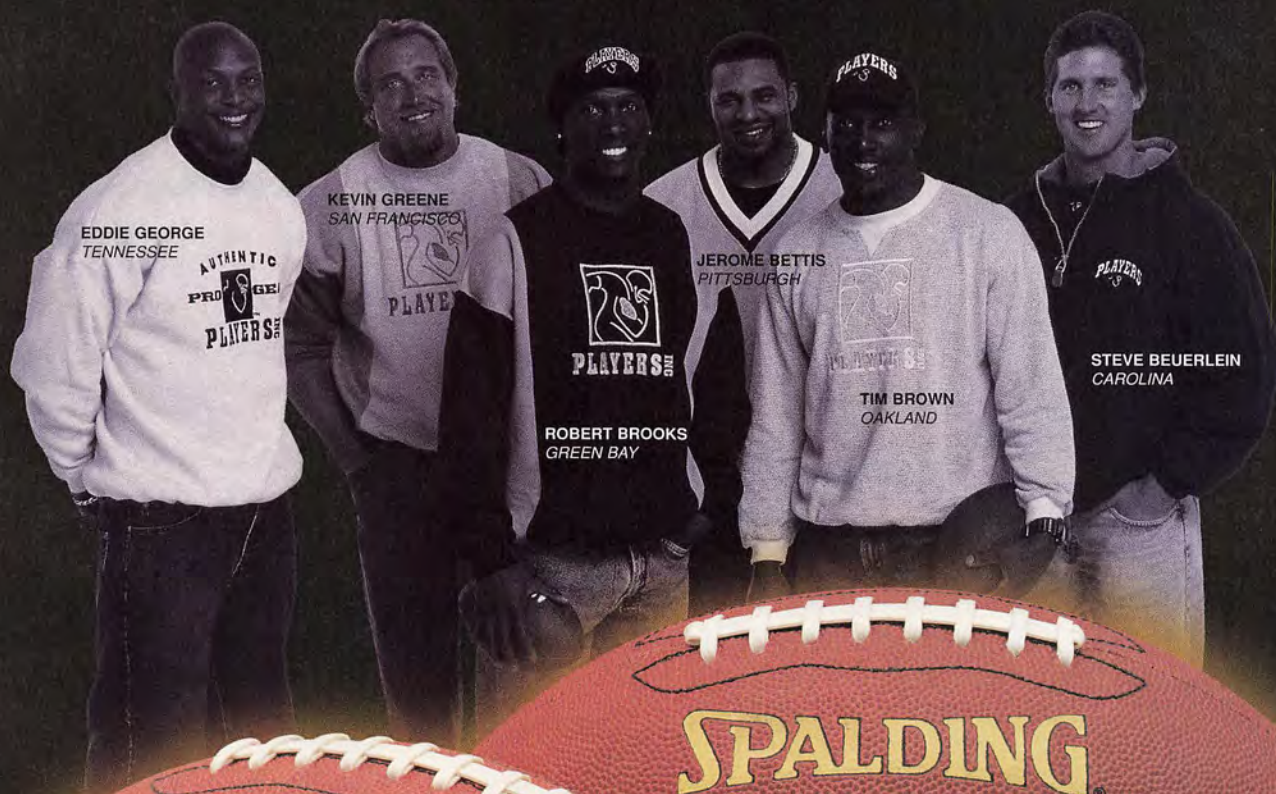
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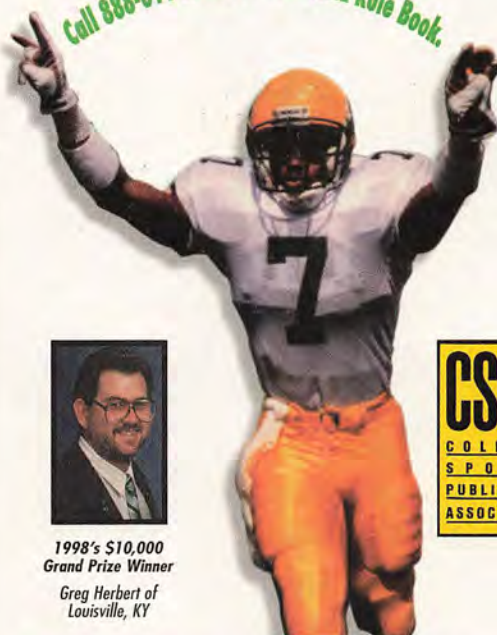
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Spurrier: The Coach Everybody Hates... To Play

By Pat Dooley

It was two hours before the SEC Championship game in Atlanta, and the MARTA train was loud and lively. The Mississippi State side dressed in maroon, woofing and looking for places to hide their cowbells. The Tennessee side in orange, one game away from a national championship game, nervous and excited all at once.

They barked back and forth, claiming superiority and super strength, until an older man wearing overalls the color of orange sherbet stood at the front of the train and got everyone's attention.

"We may hate you all right now and y'all might hate us right now," he said to the hushed passengers. "But one thing is for sure. We all hate Steve Spurrier."

Bedlam. High fives and hoots all the way to the next stop.

He's in their heads.

Which is exactly where he wants to be. All of the SEC fans whose hair stands on end when you mention Spurrier just don't understand. That is exactly what he wants.

It's why he throws jabs their way, at their coaches, at their traditions.

Here they were about to play this ultra-important game, and Tennessee and Mississippi State fans were talking about Spurrier. And Mississippi State hasn't even played Florida in six years.

Such is the shadow cast by Florida's head coach, despite the fact that Florida has missed the last two championship games. Part of it is the Gators' success during the 1990s, but a big part of it is Spurrier.

He gets into their heads.

Some of it is intentional. Some of it is just Spurrier being Spurrier.

He will take the occasional shots at other coaches, other teams. Some coaches blow it off, some let it get under their skin.

Ray Goff did the latter.

After Florida beat Georgia for the third straight time in 1992, Spurrier's post-game speech included a comment that every year Georgia talked before the game "about how great the mighty Gators are." He mentioned

Georgia's superior recruiting classes. So why was Florida winning every year with inferior players?

The implication: Florida wins with better coaching.

"With Ray Goff, we were just tired of hearing it," Spurrier says.

Goff was so angry he mentioned to a quarterback club how he'd "like to get a certain coach in an alley for five minutes."

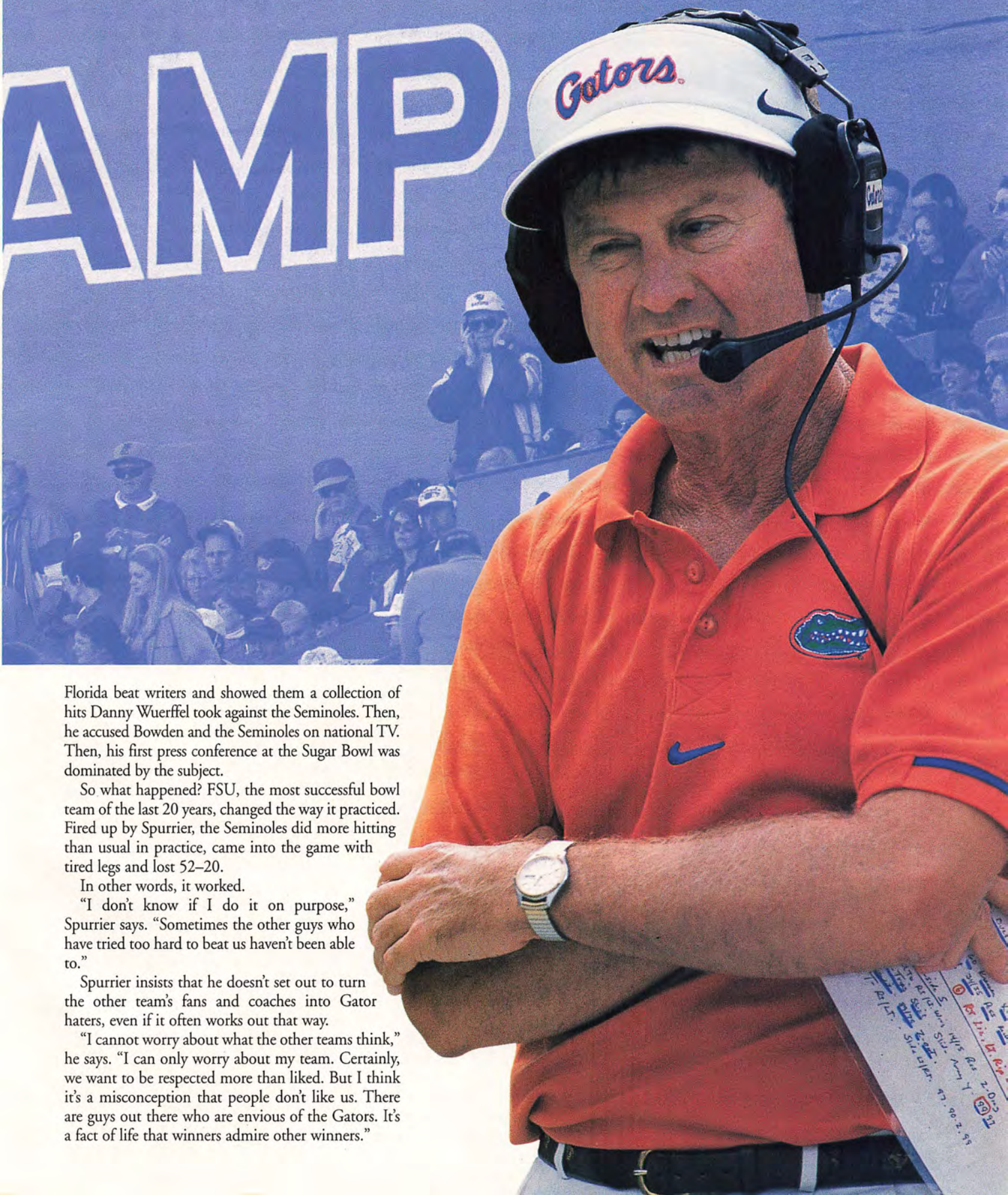
Goff never beat Spurrier before being fired after the '95 season.

Spurrier is different. Even he will admit that his animated style is more befitting a basketball coach.

Can you imagine Bear Bryant throwing his houndstooth hat? Can you imagine Shug Jordan accusing the opposing coach before the national championship game of teaching his defense to play dirty?

When Spurrier did that to FSU coach Bobby Bowden, he was hammering home a specific point: he felt his quarterback was being hit late. First, he brought in a group of

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Florida beat writers and showed them a collection of hits Danny Wuerffel took against the Seminoles. Then, he accused Bowden and the Seminoles on national TV. Then, his first press conference at the Sugar Bowl was dominated by the subject.

So what happened? FSU, the most successful bowl team of the last 20 years, changed the way it practiced. Fired up by Spurrier, the Seminoles did more hitting than usual in practice, came into the game with tired legs and lost 52-20.

In other words, it worked.

"I don't know if I do it on purpose," Spurrier says. "Sometimes the other guys who have tried too hard to beat us haven't been able to."

Spurrier insists that he doesn't set out to turn the other team's fans and coaches into Gator haters, even if it often works out that way.

"I cannot worry about what the other teams think," he says. "I can only worry about my team. Certainly, we want to be respected more than liked. But I think it's a misconception that people don't like us. There are guys out there who are envious of the Gators. It's a fact of life that winners admire other winners."



Spurrier has even irritated the amiable Bowden by accusing FSU of dirty play.

Still, Spurrier doesn't cultivate their admiration. He likes to refer to former Auburn coach Terry Bowden as Baby Bowden. And when LSU slowed down the Florida offense in 1995 and LSU defensive coordinator Carl Reese gave clinics on how to stop Florida, Spurrier piled on the points the following year. "Hopefully, LSU's defensive coordinator won't be giving any clinics on stopping the Gators all next year," Spurrier said after the game.

The Book tells you that coaches are supposed to act a certain way, never have fun at the expense of the opponent, never say anything that could fire up the other team.

"I think it's refreshing to have a coach speak his mind," says former Florida receiver Chris Doering. "If he doesn't like you, you're going to know it. I think it's cool to have a coach where you know where you stand, no matter what side you're on."

"Anything he says is what the team as a whole is thinking. He doesn't like his players saying things. He wants to take it on himself. He's quick to let players know it's him. He'll say stuff other people wouldn't say. I think college football would be better if more coaches were that way."

Spurrier's approach is not necessarily new. Some of his philosophy can be traced back to *The Art of War*, a book written 500 years before the birth of Christ by Sun Tzu, a Chinese warrior/philosopher. Tzu wrote about getting his troops prepared for battle, and his book has been quoted by John F. Kennedy, Malcolm Forbes, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Knight, among others.

The book sits in Spurrier's office. One Tzu concept fits exceptionally well.

"If your opponent is of choleric temper, seek to irritate him."

Sound familiar?

"In other words, if the enemy is comfortable," Spurrier says, "shoot some arrows over there and make him move . . . upset his plans, agitate him a little. Most people in sports don't pay attention to irritation remarks, but some of them do."

Florida used to. One of the reasons the Gators were 0-for-the-SEC until Spurrier arrived was their propensity for worrying too much about what the other

team was saying.

"The Gators used to listen to the enemy too much," Spurrier says.

Spurrier lived it as a Florida quarterback. He remembers the Southern style of coaching in the old days and how the opponents used to psyche out Florida by talking about how great the Gators were. Year after year, Florida would come into its biggest games with swelled heads and leave humbled by a loss.

Again, from Tzu:

"When a warlike prince attacks a powerful state, his generalship shows itself in preventing the concentration of the army's forces. He overawes his opponents, and their allies are prevented from joining against him."

"He talks about how to prepare for battle," Spurrier says of Master Tzu. "How to get his soldiers, his troops, ready to fight their best. When you think about it, head coaches, in a way, are generals of armies. They have to get their players ready, not to go to war, but for battles each Saturday there is a game. And Sun Tzu believed there is a right way to prepare and a wrong way to prepare."

Some of the credit can go to Tzu, but a lot of it is just Spurrier being himself. Certainly, he came to Gainesville with a different attitude, and the five SEC titles and 1996 national championship bear witness to his style.

If it bothers some people, well, they must not have the Gators' best interests at heart. "He says what he feels," says former Florida quarterback Noah Brindise. "Coach Spurrier has never been one to sugarcoat things. And everybody who has played for him respects that about him."

"He's not worried if it's the proper thing to say. Sometimes it may sound brash, but he's just being himself."

His is a different coaching method, to be sure. "I hope so," he says. "I think everyone has to coach in a way that is relative to his person-

ality. A little bit of it is trying to talk differently than the way most other coaches talk."

And let's be clear on one thing: it's not all about ancient philosophy or modern-day head games. Spurrier is as good a sideline strategist and gameplan architect — with a heavy dose of riverboat gambler thrown in — as there is in the college game.

The SEC was all about defense and the running game when Spurrier arrived in Gainesville. By the middle of the decade, every team in the conference was trying to figure out how to pass the ball like the Gators.

Spurrier finds holes in defenses, but he is also not afraid to try things no other coaches would try. In the 1994 SEC title game, Spurrier had quarterback Danny Wuerffel fake an injury with the Gators trailing by six in the fourth quarter. The Alabama defense figured back-up Eric Kresser would hand the ball off in such a crucial situation. Instead, Kresser threw deep to put the ball in Crimson Tide territory. On the next play, Wuerffel came back in and threw behind the line of scrimmage to Chris Doering, who then completed a pass to Aubrey Hill to the two-yard-line. Florida scored on the next play and won the game.

He has used double reverse passes at critical points in games, such as last year against LSU. He has pulled out the Emory and Henry formation, which splits tackles out like wide receivers. And, of course, there was the famous revolving quarterback system Spurrier used to score 32 points against the nation's top-ranked defense (FSU) in 1997.

Five wide receivers, flea flickers, hidden ball plays — there seems to be no limit to Spurrier's imagination.

And his genius is spiced with a lot of individuality. Quite simply, there's nobody like him.

For example, Spurrier never uses the term football. It's always ball plays for ball game or ball players. Never football. Just trying to be different.

"I don't want to be like everyone else," he says. "I don't want to be fired like everyone else is eventually. If it's the truth, sometimes the truth hurts some people."

Spurrier doesn't limit his barbs to the opposition. He has a running feud with a columnist in the state of Florida and has taken other media members to task for stories he felt were factually incorrect.

"People have their opinions of me that are not very good and that's OK," he says. "But when they write lies about me, that's not right."

He will dress down his own players, both privately and publicly. Sometimes he stuns reporters with his honesty. During spring practice this year, he said, "We did not play very

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Spurrier being Spurrier

After Florida State was involved in the Foot Locker scandal (players going on shopping sprees at Foot Locker courtesy of boosters) after its national championship season:

"You know what FSU stands for, don't you? Free Shoes University."

After a blowout win over Kentucky in 1996:

"These sort of games don't prove very much. All it proves is we're better than Kentucky."

When asked if he was surprised at a dismal crowd at Vanderbilt in 1998:

"Surprised? It's Vandy. There must have been something good on TV."

When told Florida was 15 wins behind Georgia in the series and asked if he'd be around to see Florida catch up:

"I don't know, 15 years is a long time."

After Florida blew out LSU in 1996 after scoring only 28 points against the Tigers the previous year:

"Hopefully, LSU's defensive coordinator won't be giving any clinics on stopping the Gators all next year."

After Kentucky tried several onside kicks in Florida's 1997 win:

"If I had a defense like Hal Mumme has, I'd be trying them on every kickoff."

On his chief nemesis, Tennessee:

"If you play close games, you're not going to win them all. Miracles will not continue forever. Somebody asked me if Tennessee could go 13-0 again. I said, 'If some miracles keep happening for them, sure.' But you can't rely on miracles."

well last year. We only covered two point spreads the whole year."

The Book says you're not supposed to talk about point spreads. The Book says a lot of things, but Spurrier hasn't read that book. He's written his own.

"It's a different game now than way back when," he says. "There are all kinds of ways to be successful. I'm not going to say mine's the best way. Hopefully, it's the best way for me."

Spurrier has even been known to take his employers to task. At an Orange Bowl press conference in December, he said, "The practice field here is great. We need to get our people at Florida to work on our practice field and make it like this one." And when several players had to miss a practice to attend classes this spring, he said, "At Duke, we never had a player miss a spring or fall practice because of classes. The school should get them until 2:30 and we should have them the rest of the day."

"Our administration may not like that," he said later, "but I've got to be honest."

His honesty has angered fans and sometimes coaches around the league. They were used to the Bryants and Vince Dooleys of the world, who could make Athens Community College sound like an imposing opponent.

"One thing about Coach Spurrier," Doering says, "he's not going to try to convince you that The Citadel has a shot to beat you."

It took one game for Florida fans to realize their coach was different. After Florida pounded Oklahoma State in Spurrier's first game as the Gators head coach, he said, "We should have beat them like that. We knew they weren't very good." After a win over South Carolina in 1995, Spurrier said, "We have to keep this in perspective. South Carolina is not one of the top teams in the conference."

Tennessee may be the defending national champion, but Florida, Spurrier's Florida, is still the team everyone in the SEC wants to beat. Even Vanderbilt, lowly Vanderbilt, where Spurrier made them mad three years ago when he said, "If they boo (because of late passes), they're going to be booing a bunch more because we're going to keep chucking it. If they want to help their team, they need to act like normal fans."

After the game, Vandy fans threw cups as Spurrier left the field.

Last year, after Florida won and the stadium was half-filled, Spurrier was asked if he was surprised by the lack of fan support in Nashville.

"Surprised? It's Vandy," he said.

He's not real popular in Knoxville either. After the '96 Florida win, Spurrier said, "They said it was going to be real loud and I admit it was — during pre-game warm-ups."

He probably gets to the fans more than the coaches. Most of them are able to dismiss Spurrier's comments and take his philosophy in stride, at least on the surface.

"It's just Steve being Steve," says FSU's Bowden, whose entire family was outraged at Spurrier's pre-Sugar Bowl comments about the Seminoles playing dirty. "He has his way."

But for some coaches, it's difficult to ignore the arrows being shot into their camp. They were brought up by The Book. They were raised on Southern football, white shirts and ties. There's Spurrier on the other sideline in a golf shirt and visor.

One thing for sure is that it will not change. Spurrier has grown as a coach, but he hasn't changed as a person during his nine seasons at Florida.

He'll still needle his opponents, whether on the football field or on the golf course. He is the ultimate in backing up what he says. The record reflects it.

Occasionally, you'll hear a Florida football



fan grouse when they read some of Spurrier's comments. But for the most part, the Gator Nation loves it. Usually, they're thinking the same thing.

That's the other factor in Spurrier's personality. He's a fan. He's a fan of college football, but mostly he's a fan of the Gators. This is a football coach who has changed spring practices so they won't conflict with women's tennis matches. He is a regular at baseball and basketball games.

Spurrier loves his school, loves his athletic program. He is a fan and he talks like a fan.

And you know how much fans love to take shots at the other team.

And run up the score. Spurrier has been accused of that often and usually shrugs it off. He'll stop scoring when you concede the game and walk off the field. But he is the offensive coordinator, and if you try to stop him, he'll try to score.

After Florida beat Arkansas 42-7 in 1996, Spurrier was jogging off the field when a Razorbacks fan, incensed by a late passing play, began to shout at Spurrier, "Run it up some more! You got no class, Spurrier!"

His response? "We love it when you accuse us of that," he said, smiling.

When South Carolina fans booed a late Florida touchdown in 1997, Spurrier said, "We haven't had anybody mad at us in a while for scoring. We needed that."

Say what you will. It's definitely different with Spurrier in the SEC.



David Preston

Florida State

Florida State slid into last year's Fiesta Bowl through the back door and fell into a snake pit. The Seminoles' shot at the 1998 national title ended in a 23-16 loss to Tennessee and a run-of-the-mill, third-place final ranking. The upside is that no fewer than 73 scholarship athletes are back from last year's squad, including seven starters from the nation's top-ranked defense.

FSU entered the '98 campaign breaking in a new quarterback, Chris Weinke, a 26-year-old who had spent six years playing minor league baseball. Just when Weinke appeared squared away, he was shelved with a late-season neck injury and youngster Marcus Outzen had to learn on the job. Both return with two years of eligibility remaining. Erstwhile quarterback Dan Kendra, who missed all of 1998 with a knee injury, is now a 250-pound fullback.

Wide receiver-punt returner Peter Warrick enters 1999 as the Heisman Trophy front-runner. He averaged better than 20 yards per catch and caught 11 touchdown passes a year ago. Pay too much attention to Warrick and Laveranues Coles will kill you. Returning tailback starter Travis Minor will have the top-rated running back coming out of the high school ranks this year, Nick Maddox of Kannapolis, N.C., pushing him to his limit.

All-Americans lead the way on both lines — guard Jason Whitaker on offense and noseguard Corey Simon on defense. Roland Seymour and David Warren are a dominating defensive end tandem. Cornerback Mario Edwards picked off six passes and broke up 11 more in '98. Safeties Tay Cody and Derrick Gibson still patrol the deep zones. Keith Cottrell is back to handle the occasional punt, and sophomore Sebastian Janikowski is simply the best placekicker in the nation. A complete team.

Coaching Milestone: Florida State coach Bobby Bowden enters 1999 just eight victories shy of 300 for his career. In 33 years (the last 23 at Florida State), he is 292-85-4.

A Perfect 10: The Seminoles have won 10 or more games in each of the last 12 seasons.

Noles' Bowls: In its last 17 bowl games, Florida State is 14-2-1.

1998 Results: 11-2 (7-1 ACC)

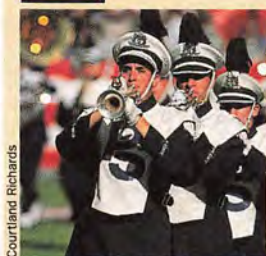
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Courtland Richards

The 1998 Penn State team may have been the youngest of the Joe Paterno era, yet it still came away 9-3. Its defense tied a school record with 47 sacks and didn't allow an opposing ball carrier more than 95 yards, and nine starters return on that side of the ball.

End Courtney Brown led last season's sack parade with 11½ and registered 23 tackles for loss. Cornerback David Macklin picked off six passes and scored with one. Linebacker LaVar Arrington is a one-man highlight tape.

Kevin Thompson returns at quarterback with Rashard Casey still in pursuit. Tailbacks Eric McCoo and Cordell Mitchell and fullback Mike Cerimele finished 1-2-3 in rushing and all three return, as do the top three receivers, and four starters in the offensive line.

No Ordinary Joe: Penn State's Joe Paterno has won more games (307) than any other active coach in college football.

Heckuva Half Century: The Nittany Lions' record of 411-128-7 (.759) over the last 50 years is the nation's best.

Bring 'em On: Penn State's 1999 slate features five teams that competed in the last postseason — Arizona, Miami, Ohio State, Purdue and Michigan — and all five won their bowl games.

1998 Results: 9-3 (5-3 Big Ten)

Returning Starters: 8 offense, 9 defense, both kickers

Tennessee 3



Tim Clark

The Volunteers won the national championship in 1998 with their most potent offensive weapon, tailback Jamal Lewis, on the shelf with an injury. Travis Henry and Travis Stephens shouldered the tailback load and combined for 1,447 yards on the ground. Lewis and the Traveses all return for '99 along with senior quarterback Tee Martin, the straw that stirs the drink. Junior guard Cosey Coleman could be the best offensive lineman Tennessee has ever had.

End Shaun Ellis and tackle Darwin Walker are the stalwarts on a disruptive defensive line. Raynoch Thompson and Eric Westmoreland return as the nation's most tenacious outside linebacker tandem.

When You're Hot: Vol QB Tee Martin set an NCAA season record in '98 by completing 24 consecutive pass attempts, and the single-game record with 23 straight against South Carolina.

Knute Who? Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, the 1998 national Coach of the Year, remains the winningest coach by percentage in Division I-A at .859 (67-11).

Big Orange Dominance: Over the last three years, Tennessee has posted an overall record of 34-4 and has gone 24-2 in the SEC.

1998 Results: 13-0 (8-0 SEC)

Returning Starters: 6 offense, 7 defense, punter

4 Arizona



Greg LeBouef

Most of the players from last year's 12-1 Arizona juggernaut that defeated Nebraska 23-20 in the Holiday Bowl are back with definite New Year's Day plans. And they involve New Orleans, not Pasadena.

Keith Smith completed nearly 70 percent of his passes and returns at quarterback, with Ortege Jenkins providing a spark off the bench and an occasional start.

Dennis Northcutt (63 catches in '98) is still their favorite target and is both dependable and dangerous. Trung Canidate rushed for 1,220 yards and again will carry the ground game on his shoulders.

The top six tacklers return on defense, including inside linebacker Marcus Bell, who led the Pac-10 in tackles and combined with returning OLB DaShon Polk for 27 tackles for loss.

Setting the Standard: Arizona's No. 4 final ranking in both polls was its highest ever.

An Even Dozen: In 1998, the Wildcats became only the fourth team in 83 years of Pac-10 history to win 12 games in a season.

Tomey on a Tear: Arizona coach Dick Tomey is the winningest coach in the school's history (84-52-4) and has won more Pac-10 games than any other active coach in the conference.

1998 Results: 12-1 (7-1 Pac-10)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 9 defense, placekicker

Texas A&M 5



Moses Omos

The 1998 Aggies rode their defense to a No. 11 final ranking. In 1999, the offense takes center stage.

Quarterback Randy McCown is a 50-percent passer, an elusive runner and a fiery leader. Chris Cole returns as the team's top receiver. Chris Taylor, who averaged 20 yards a catch, and Bethel Johnson are explosive, big-play options at the wideouts. Running backs Dante Hall, Ja'Mar Toombs and De'Andre Hardeman will keep defenses reeling.

Outside linebacker Roylin Bradley notched 15 tackles for loss and a team-high nine sacks, and inside backer Cornelius Anthony registered 100 total stops. Free safety Brandon Jennings and cornerback Jason Webster lead an opportunistic secondary, and all three starting down linemen return along with all of their backups.

R.C. Rules: Aggie mentor R.C. Slocum's winning percentage of .766 (94-28-2) is tops among all current Big 12 coaches.

Aggie D Scores a 10: The 1998 Texas A&M defense finished with two 10th-place national rankings: overall (289.3 yards per game) and scoring (14.6 points per game).

Blast from the Past: Texas A&M appeared in the first-ever Cotton Bowl, in 1922, known at that time as the Dixie Classic.

1998 Results: 11-3 (7-1 Big 12)

Returning Starters: 8 offense, 8 defense, both kickers

6 Virginia Tech



Tin Cunniff

The record shows 9-3, but the 1998 Virginia Tech season was three plays from 12-0.

Eight starters return from the defense that finished atop the Big East in every statistical category. End Corey Moore topped the conference in sacks with 14 and was named Defensive Player of the Year. John Engelberger

teams with Moore as perhaps the best defensive end tandem in the country. The three defensive vacancies are all in the secondary. Cornerback Ike Charlton, who picked off five enemy aerals, one for a score, is back.

Tailback Shyrone Stith spearheads the running game, leading receiver Ricky Hall is back for an encore and eagerly anticipated redshirt freshman Michael Vick moves in at quarterback.

Boing! The Hokies blocked 10 kicks (six punts, two field goals and two PATs) during the 1998 regular season, then added two more blocked punts in the rout of Alabama in Music City Bowl.

Oh, So Close: A dropped pass in the end zone against Temple and game-ending heroics by Syracuse's Donovan McNabb and Virginia's Aaron Brooks kept the Hokies from 12-0 in '98.

On Solid Ground: Virginia Tech has won eight or more games in five of the last six seasons.

1998 Results: 9-3 (5-2 Big East)

Returning Starters: 6 offense, 8 defense, both kickers

Michigan 7

Michigan's season got off to a rocky start with an 0-2 beginning.

But fortune smiled on the Wolverines as tall, talented Tom Brady matured and grew into the quarterback position. Brady guided his team to eight straight wins en route to a 10-3 finish. Sophomore QB Drew Henson should receive a generous allotment of snaps. Wideouts Marquise Walker and David Terrell are home run threats, and leading rusher Anthony Thomas returns behind a star-studded offensive line.

Three fifth-year seniors — tackles Josh Williams and Rob Renes and rush backer James Hall — lead the defensive charge, with Dhani Jones and Ian Gold still stationed at linebacker and three starters returning in the secondary.

Drastic Dropoff: Michigan's defense, America's best in 1997, dropped to third in the Big Ten in '98.

Credit Carr: Only the immortal Fielding H. "Hurry Up" Yost won more games in his first four years at Michigan than did current Wolverine mentor Lloyd Carr.

Good News, Bad News: Michigan opens at home against Notre Dame and closes at home against Ohio State. In between are road games at Syracuse, Wisconsin, Michigan State and Penn State.

1998 Results: 10-3 (7-1 Big Ten)

Returning Starters: 5 offense, 8 defense, no kickers



Steve Woltmann

8 Wisconsin



Peter Brouillet

Tailback Ron Dayne returns for his senior year as the leading rusher in Wisconsin history (4,563 yards) following the winningest season in Wisconsin history (11-1). Just give the big guy the ball and point him straight ahead, as center Casey Rabach and guards Bill Ferrario and Dave Costa have all been starters for two years and average 300 pounds per man. Senior Scott Kavanagh should step in at quarterback after three years as a backup.

Among the eight returning defensive starters is sophomore cornerback Jamar Fletcher, who led the nation in interceptions and set a Big Ten record by returning three for touchdowns. Nick Davis finished third nationally in punt returns and linebacker Donnel Thompson has led the team in tackles for two straight years.

Running Downhill: After rumbling for 1,863 yards as a freshman, Dayne's season totals have slipped each of the last two years, to 1,421 as a sophomore and 1,279 as a junior.

No-Fly Zone: The Badgers' pass defense improved from 10th in the Big Ten in 1997 to seventh in the nation in '98.

Give and Take: Wisconsin's 1998 turnover margin of +2.00 led the nation by a whopping margin. Northeast Louisiana and UCLA tied for second at +1.45.

1998 Results: 11-1 (7-1 Big Ten)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 8 defense, punter

Georgia Tech 9

A 10-2 record, a share of the 1998 conference title, a 35-28 win over Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl and 15 returning starters will propel the Yellow Jackets into 1999 with a vengeance. Nine starters from the offensive unit that had its way with Notre Dame are back. Joe Hamilton, last year's first-team All-ACC quarterback and the conference's leading passer, mans the controls of the ACC's most potent attack. Split end Dez White, one of the finalists for last year's Biletnikoff Award, is a lethal weapon as both pass receiver and kickoff returner. Tech's top two rushers, tailbacks Joe Burns and Phillip Rogers, also return along with fullback Ed Wilder.

End Felipe Claybrooks, who led the team with 10 sacks and 13 tackles for loss, and Travares Tillman, the best free safety in the ACC, put the sting in the Yellow Jacket defense.

Lighting It Up: Georgia Tech led the ACC in scoring in 1998 with 35.5 points per game.

Highway Robbery: The '98 Yellow Jackets set an NCAA record by returning seven fumbles for touchdowns.

Bowl Busters: Georgia Tech owns the nation's all-time best bowl record at 19-8 (.704).

1998 Results: 10-2 (7-1 ACC)

Returning Starters: 9 offense, 6 defense, no kickers



Mike Moore

10 Nebraska



Steve Woltmann

Without a healthy workhorse at I-back, Nebraska just isn't Nebraska. Witness last season's second-place finish in the Big 12 North. DeAngelo Evans' effectiveness has been stifled since 1996 by an odd assortment of injuries. Evans, Correll Buckhalter and Dan Alexander all return at I-back, but Buckhalter, the top ground gainer last fall, was the only one of the three healthy enough for contact work this spring. Eric Crouch finished the '98 season at quarterback on a positive note. Bobby Newcombe, who started the season at QB before a knee injury, also returns.

There should be no dropoff at rush end with Kyle Vanden Bosch and Chris Kelsay taking over as starters. Safety Mike Brown led the '98 Huskers in tackles and cornerback Ralph Brown holds the school record for pass breakups.

The Johnson Administration: Before finishing 9-4 last season, Nebraska hadn't lost four games in a season since 1968.

Unsettled: No less than 10 Cornhuskers started games at four of the six offensive skill positions in 1998, including three each at quarterback and I-back.

Home, Sweet Home: Before last season's 20-16 loss to Texas, Nebraska had won 47 straight home games.

1998 Results: 9-4 (5-3 Big 12)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 9 defense, no kickers

12 Alabama



Courtland Richards

With tailback Shaun Alexander, the top returning rusher in the SEC, listed among 15 returning starters, Bama should win the conference's Western Division. Alexander rushed for 1,178 yards and 13 touchdowns in '98. Quarterback Andrew Zow broke into the starting lineup at midseason and threw for 11 touchdowns and almost 2,000 yards, but redshirt freshman Tyler Watts is mounting a challenge for the signal-caller job. Sophomore flanker Eric Locke is frighteningly reminiscent of former Tide multipurpose star David Palmer. All five starters return on the offensive line, as do all four on the defensive line.

Middle linebacker Travis Carroll racked up 16 tackles for loss and three sacks last fall. One of two returning starters in the secondary, Marcus Spencer nabbed a team-high four interceptions.

Iron Bowl Update: With its 31-17 win over Auburn in '98, the Tide has taken six of the last nine meetings in the series.

Record Crowds: The expansion of Bryant-Denny Stadium in 1998 led to a new average home attendance record of 82,790.

Safety Net: The Alabama defense chalked up a school record two safeties against Vanderbilt on Sept. 12. The effort tied an SEC record and fell one shy of the NCAA single-game mark.

1998 Results: 7-5 (4-4 SEC)

Returning Starters: 8 offense, 7 defense, placekicker

USC 11



Peter Brouillet

USC welcomes back its top two passers, its top four rushers and four of its top six receivers from a year ago.

Carson Palmer, only the second true freshman ever to start at quarterback for the Trojans, threw for 1,475 yards. Wide receiver R. Jay Soward scored six times on pass receptions and twice on punt returns. Tailback Chad Morton just missed the 1,000-yard rushing mark in his first year on offense full-time. The offensive line returns intact, spearheaded by All-Pac-10 guard Travis Claridge.

Ennis Davis was voted the team's Defensive Player of the Year, and he is back at tackle. Sultan Abdul-Malik, an accomplished sack artist, moves from end to linebacker, where juco transfer Markus Steele has been drawing comparisons to Chris Claiborne, the Trojan who won the Butkus Award in 1998.

Special Teams Heroics: The 1998 Trojans blocked four punts, scoring twice on those blocks. They also blocked four field goal attempts and returned two punts and a kickoff for scores.

Ball Hawks: USC registered a total of 36 takeaways a year ago — 24 interceptions to lead the nation, and 12 fumbles.

Efficiency Experts: The '98 Trojans finished first in the Pac-10 and third nationally in pass efficiency defense.

1998 Results: 8-5 (5-3 Pac-10)

Returning Starters: 9 offense, 6 defense, punter

Georgia 13



Mike Moore

With quarterback Quincy Carter and linebacker Orantes Grant among 47 returning lettermen, the Bulldogs should give Tennessee its stiffest challenge in the SEC East.

Carter amassed 251.6 yards per game of total offense in 1998, second-best in the SEC, and was named conference Freshman of the Year. If senior Patrick Pass and/or sophomore Jasper Sanks can shake the injury bug, Georgia's running game can be explosive. Flanker Michael Greer averages 22.6 yards per catch and nearly one out of every four goes for a score.

Grant, a Butkus Award candidate, is the showpiece of an all-star defensive front. Larry Mann and Jeff Harris return in the secondary after combining for seven interceptions and more than 100 tackles.

Packing 'Em In: Georgia's average 1998 home attendance figure of 85,618 was fifth-best in the country and a new school record.

Postseason Magic: Jim Donnan is 17-4 coaching in the postseason — 2-0 in bowl games with Georgia and 15-4 in Division I-AA playoff action at Marshall.

Weekly Standouts: Three Georgia players earned SEC Player of the Week honors in 1998 — running back Olandis Gary, cornerback Champ Bailey and linebacker Adrian Hollingshed.

1998 Results: 9-3 (6-2)

Returning Starters: 4 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

14 Miami



David Preston

The Hurricanes lost their quarterback to graduation and their top ball carrier to the NFL a year early yet still will field their best team this decade.

Replacing Scott Covington at quarterback will be Kenny Kelly, the former high school phenom from Tampa who threw for 433 yards and five TDs in spot duty a year ago. Kelly adds a running threat at the position that hasn't been seen around Coral Gables lately. James Jackson inherits the tailback job after exploding for 545 yards and a healthy 6.6-yard average in a backup role in '98. Reggie Wayne and Santana Moss are superb wide receivers, and if Daniel Franks isn't the best tight end in America, he's certainly one of the top two.

On defense, the Canes return 10 starters, including the top two tacklers in the Big East, linebackers Dan Morgan and Nate Webster.

Bowl Bonanza: With Miami's 46-23 rout of NC State in the Micron PC Bowl, the Hurricanes tied the 46-3 win over Texas in the 1991 Cotton Bowl as their best postseason scoring output.

No Substitute for Experience: Miami returns 72 of the 83 players from its bowl game roster, including 17 starters.

Ouch! Miami takes on Ohio State, Penn State and Florida State in three of its first five games of 1999.

1998 Results: 9-3 (5-2 Big East)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 10 defense, dual-purpose kicker

Ohio State 15

For less than two quarters against Michigan State, the Buckeyes took a siesta. And there went the Fiesta Bowl, that is. And a shot at their first national championship in three decades.

With the graduation of quarterback Joe Germaine and wide receivers David Boston and Dee Miller, and the return of 1,235-yard tailback Michael Wiley, the Buckeyes will be more ground-oriented than in recent years. Guard Rob Murphy is a two-time All-American joined by three other returning starters up front.

Linebacker Na'il Diggs has the potential to make Buckeye fans forget Andy Katzenmoyer. The defensive line returns intact, with Gary Berry and Ahmed Plummer still prowling in the secondary.

Close, but No Cigar: The Buckeyes have finished the season ranked No. 2 in the nation twice in the last three years (1996, '98). But the national championship has eluded them since 1968.

The Scoop on Coop: Ohio State's John Cooper ranks sixth among active college coaches in wins. His career record stands at 179-73-6, including 97-33-4 in 11 years at Ohio State.

On a Roll: Ohio State's record over the last six years is 62-12-1. The Buckeyes have won 10 or more games each of the last four seasons and have gone bowling on New Year's Day the last five.

1998 Results: 11-1 (7-1 Big Ten)

Returning Starters: 6 offense, 7 defense, placekicker



Joe Robbins

16 Colorado



John Hudetz

A former Colorado assistant under Bill McCartney from 1984-1991, Gary Barnett returns as head coach after a stellar engagement at Northwestern.

Barnett is committed to a balanced attack, and senior tailback Dwayne Cherrington will be the beneficiary. Quarterback Mike Moschetti (162-of-276 for 2,104 yards and 15 TDs) and wideouts Marcus Stiggers and Javon Green keep the long ball in order, with senior tackles Ryan Johanningmeier and Shane Cook providing air-tight pass protection.

Ben Kelly broke up an eye-popping 22 passes in '98, intercepted four, and teams with Damon Wheeler as one of the nation's most feared cornerback tandems. Sean Jarne, Jesse Warren and Justin Bannan hold the line at defensive tackle with Fred Jones, who led the team in sacks playing end last fall.

The 600 Club: With a 37-8 victory over Iowa State last Nov. 14., Colorado became just the 16th school ever to win 600 games.

Bowling Buffs: Since a 26-22 loss to Syracuse in the 1993 Fiesta Bowl, Colorado has now won in five consecutive bowl appearances, a current streak matched only by Georgia Tech.

Dominating the Decade: Over the last 10 years, Colorado's record of 91-25-4 is the seventh-best in the nation.

1998 Results: 8-4 (4-4)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 5 defense, both kickers

Florida 17

That giant sucking sound you hear coming from Gainesville is the Florida defensive front taking flight. All seven starters have either graduated or split for the pros, and defensive coordinator extraordinaire Bob Stoops is now the head coach at Oklahoma. The talent is there for new coordinator John Hoke; maturity and depth are not.

There is no such problem on offense, with eight of 10 offensive linemen on last year's two deep returning along with tight end Erron Kinney. The question of whether Doug Johnson or Jesse Palmer will start at quarterback is, as controversies go, irrelevant. Either one and/or both will make coach Steve Spurrier's air attack fly with nary a sputter. Wide receivers Travis Taylor, Darrell Jackson and John Capel will wear down opposing secondaries. Tailbacks Earnest Graham and Robert Gillespie are explosive ball carriers and dangerous receivers out of the backfield.

Butterfingers: The Gators lost 17 fumbles in 1998, almost double the 9.6 average of Spurrier's eight previous Florida teams.

Poll Sitters: Florida is one of only two schools to finish with a Top 10 ranking in the AP poll in each of the last eight seasons.

Double Digit Wins: Spurrier is the only coach in SEC history to lead his team to six straight 10-win seasons (1993-1998).

1998 Results: 10-2 (7-1 SEC)

Returning Starters: 5 offense, 2 defense, both kickers



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18 Notre Dame



Peter Brouillet

After leading the Fighting Irish to wins in nine of their first ten games, including eight in a row, quarterback Jarious Jackson went down with a knee injury and Notre Dame enters 1999 on a two-game losing streak. Anyone who doubts Jackson's value need only ponder the 10-0 shutout loss at USC in his absence. With the graduation of tailback Autry Denson, the leading rusher in school history, junior Tony Driver and sophomore Tony Fisher are itching to cut loose.

The offensive line features the usual stable of run-blocking plow horses, everyone who played a down on the defensive line is back and the secondary is laden with veteran performers. The graduation-depleted linebacker corps is being restocked with seasoned backups.

Precision Passing: Jarious Jackson's 1998 pass efficiency rating of 149.5 is the fifth-highest among the nation's returning QBs.

Crowded Houses: Notre Dame's 1999 schedule calls for visits to the two largest on-campus stadiums in America: Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor and Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn.

Trend Setters: Rockne, Leahy, Parseghian, Devine and Holtz all won their first national title in their third year as Irish coach. The 1999 campaign will be Bob Davie's third at the helm.

1998 Results: 9-3

Returning Starters: 3 offense, 8 defense, placekicker

Virginia 19



Richard Carloti

George Welsh enters his 18th season as Virginia's coach with a new triggerman for his attack. Quarterback Aaron Brooks has taken his strong, accurate arm to the Green Bay Packers, but the Cavaliers should retain their usual position in the upper echelon of the ACC.

Thomas Jones returns at tailback after leading the conference in rushing in '98 with 1,303 yards and 13 touchdowns. Antwoine Womack ran for 708 yards as Jones' backup. Guard Noel LaMontagne and tight end Casey Crawford lead the offensive charge. Junior Dan Ellis finally gets the nod at quarterback after waiting in line for two years.

Juniors Byron Thweatt and Donny Green combined for 184 tackles last season and return at the outside linebacker spots.

Sustained Success: Virginia is one of only four schools in Division I-A to have won at least seven games in each of the last 12 seasons. The others are Florida State, Michigan and Nebraska.

Tough Town: The Cavaliers blew 21-point leads twice in Atlanta and lost both games — 41-38 to Georgia Tech in the regular season and 35-33 to Georgia in the Peach Bowl.

Balanced Attack: In 1998, the Virginia offense posted per-game averages of 213.1 rushing yards and 213.5 passing yards.

1998 Results: 9-3 (6-2 ACC)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 5 defense, both kickers

20 BYU



Dwight King

Despite All-America offensive tackle John Tait's departure and tailback Ronney Jenkins' transfer to Northern Arizona, BYU appears to be a solid favorite in the Mountain West Conference's inaugural season.

Quarterback Kevin Feterik completed 60 percent of his throws for 2,718 yards and 16 TDs last fall. His top targets are Margin Hooks, who led the team with 49 receptions, and Ben Horton, who averaged 18.7 yards per catch. Junior Mahe ran for six scores as Jenkins' backup, and all-purpose dynamo Jaron Dabney returns after a year's absence.

Rob Morris, a fast, reckless 250-pound linebacker, was the WAC Pacific Division Defensive Player of the Year with 16 tackles for loss, six sacks and a 51-yard touchdown run with an interception. Senior defensive end Byron Frisch is an All-WAC team regular.

Designer Genes: Cougar starting defensive tackle Hans Olsen is a nephew of Merlin and Phil Olsen. Punter Mike Clark is the brother of San Francisco 49ers tight end Greg Clark.

Schedule Quirk: BYU opens 1999 with back-to-back Thursday night telecasts at home against Washington and Colorado State.

Solid Credentials: Freshman running back Lucas Staley rushed for over 1,200 yards in four playoff games as a high school senior.

1998 Results: 9-5 (7-1 WAC)

Returning Starters: 8 offense, 4 defense, placekicker

Texas 21



Layne Murdoch

Second-year Texas coach Mack Brown and his staff paid more attention to the offensive line and cornerback this spring than they did to finding a replacement for Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams. Junior Hodges Mitchell, who has amassed over 1,000 all-purpose yards in two years, and redshirt freshman Victor Ike will quickly emerge from Williams' shadow. Senior guard Roger Roesler led the team in pancake blocks and keys the rebuilt offensive line. Major Applewhite is a major asset at quarterback, and Kwame Cavil is the top returning receiver in the Big 12.

Brown is committed to speed at linebacker and that he has, with De'Andre Lewis a disruptive force in the middle. Defensive end Aaron Humphrey is one of the conference's most ferocious pass rushers.

Well Worth the Wait: Texas' 38-11 win over Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl was its first New Year's Day victory in 17 years.

Pressure Kicker: Longhorn placekicker Kris Stockton booted game-winning field goals against Oklahoma State and Texas A&M with the final seconds ticking away in both contests.

Hot Ticket: The crowd of 83,687 at Royal-Memorial Stadium for last year's Texas A&M game was the largest in Texas history.

1998 Results: 9-3 (6-2 Big 12)

Returning Starters: 4 offense, 7 defense, both kickers

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UCLA



Peter Brouillet

True freshman J.P. Losman, who enrolled in mid-year and participated in spring practice, and redshirt freshman Cory Paus appear to be the top contenders for the quarterback job left vacant by Cade McNown's graduation. Workhorse Jermaine Lewis and game breaker DeShaun Foster offer diversity at tailback. Wideout Danny Farmer piled up a school record 1,274 receiving yards on 58 catches a year ago.

Bob Field replaces Nick Aliotti as defensive coordinator, and the longtime Bruin assistant is plugging the leaks with fast-maturing youngsters. Ken Kocher and Anthony Fletcher, 290-pound tackles who started the '99 Rose Bowl as true freshmen, will anchor the line at tackle. Linebacker Ryan Nece is another sophomore who will shine in '99. Senior cornerback Ryan Roques picked off four passes, averaging 19.8 yards per return.

A Tale of Two Teams: UCLA fielded the fifth-best offense in the nation last fall, while ranking 99th overall on defense.

Ballhounds: UCLA's turnover margin of +1.45 per game tied for second-best in the nation.

Holy Toledo: Under coach Bob Toledo, the Bruins have won two consecutive Pac-10 titles for the first time since 1982-83.

1998 Results: 10-2 (8-0 Pac-10)

Returning Starters: 6 offense, 8 defense, no kickers

Kansas State 23

After losing quarterback Michael Bishop and a slough full of star performers to graduation, an off year seems in order for K-State. But there is no way these battling Wildcats will drop off the map.

Frank Murphy, the national Junior College Player of the Year in 1997, will battle for the tailback job with David Allen, who scored four times on punt returns in '98. Track sprinter Aaron Lockett is the new featured receiver after setting a K-State freshman record of 928 yards on 44 catches.

Darren Howard has collected 21½ sacks over the last two years and led the conference in that category in '98. Mark Simoneau, who paced the club in tackles last season, and All-Big 12 DBs Jarrod Cooper and Lamar Chapman put the teeth in the Wildcat defense.

For Openers: Kansas State has won every one of its season-opening games of the 1990s. The only others who can make that claim are Nebraska, Ohio State, Florida State and Florida.

Wildcat Wondercoach: Bill Snyder has coached (117) and won (77) more games than any other football coach in K-State history.

Trying Harder: K-State ranks second only to Nebraska among Big 12 schools in winning percentage over the last six years.

1998 Results: 11-2 (8-0 Big 12)

Returning Starters: 3 offense, 7 defense, no kickers



David Preston

24 Arkansas



Steve Weltmann

Houston Nutt came home to Arkansas as football coach in 1998 and rallied a struggling Razorback football program to a share of the SEC Western Division title, and most of the key performers are still around.

Quarterback Clint Stoerner again will direct the attack after throwing for 2,629 yards and 26 scores last fall. His most dangerous target is Anthony Lucas, who averaged 23.3 yards per catch and scored 10 times. Chrys Chukwuma returns at tailback after rushing for 870 yards last season.

The call is out for four new offensive line starters. Three starting defensive linemen graduated, but their replacements are veterans. Carlos Hall, a defensive end with 4.4 speed, was a freshman All-American. The back seven are seasoned and quick, with safety Kenoy Kennedy the bell-ringer in the secondary.

About Face: After posting consecutive 4-7 marks in 1996 and 1997, the '98 Razorbacks soared to eight straight wins, peaked at No. 9 in the polls and finished a surprising 9-3.

Tough Nutt: Houston Nutt had the second-best first year of any coach in Arkansas history (9-3 to Lou Holtz's 11-1 in 1977).

Unfinished Business: With its 45-31 loss to Michigan in the Citrus Bowl, Arkansas is mired in a seven-game bowl losing streak.

1998 Results: 9-3 (6-2 SEC)

Returning Starters: 6 offense, 6 defense, no kickers

Louisville 25

Louisville won seven games in 1998 on the strength of the nation's most potent offense and lost five because of a woefully porous defense.

Second-year coach John L. Smith's first-line defenders return en masse for 1999, bolstered by a horde of redshirt freshmen and jucos. A handful of the returning starters — tackle Mike Gantous, linebackers Bud Herring and Rashard Harris, cornerback Antonio Roundtree and safety Courtney Dinkins — are among the finest Conference USA has to offer.

On offense, quarterback Chris Redman threw for 4,042 yards and 29 touchdowns. His top receiver, Arnold Jackson, caught 90 balls for 1,165 yards and 10 TDs and is back for more. Ibn Green has led the nation's tight ends in receiving for two straight seasons. Either Frank Moreau, a 1997 starter, or juco All-American Eric Lockhart will step in at tailback.

Night and Day: Louisville finished the 1998 season ranked No. 1 in the nation in total offense and 110th overall defensively.

Rockin' Redman: Chris Redman is just the 13th quarterback in Division I-A history to throw for over 4,000 yards in a season.

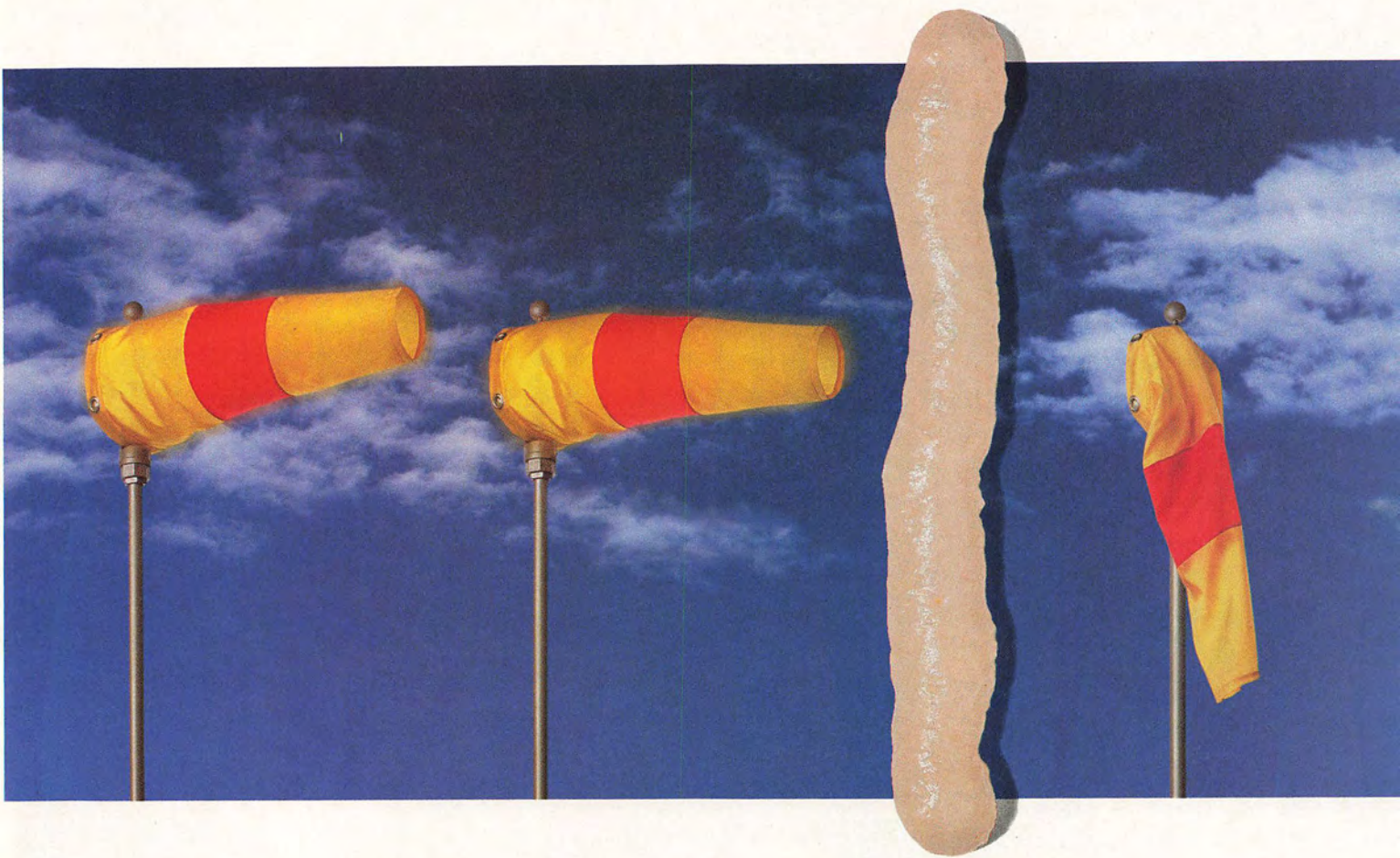
Quick Fix: The 1998 Cardinals enjoyed an NCAA-high six game turnaround, from 1-10 in '97 to 7-5.

1998 Results: 7-5 (4-2 C-USA)

Returning Starters: 7 offense, 10 defense, placekicker



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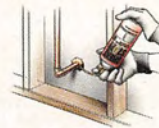
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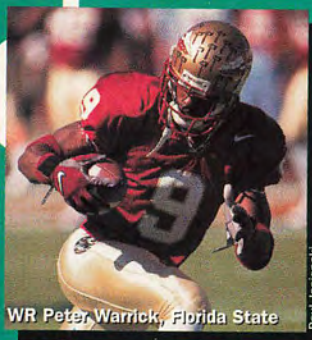


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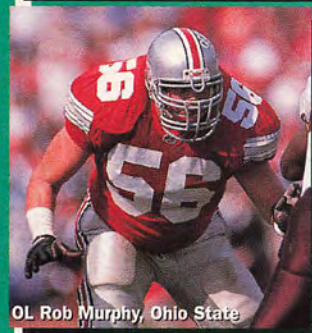
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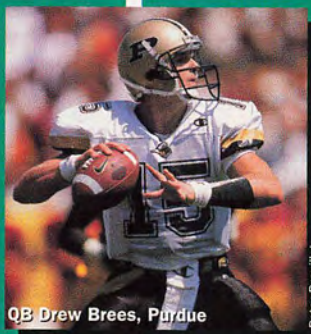
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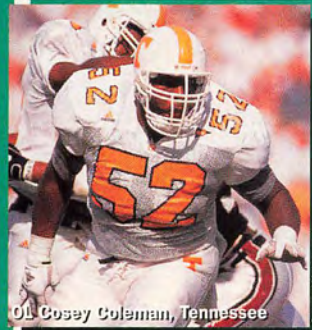
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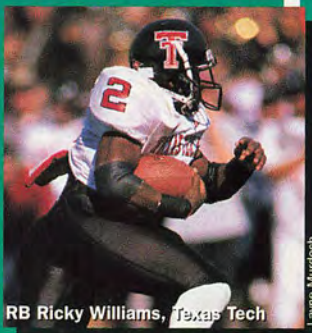
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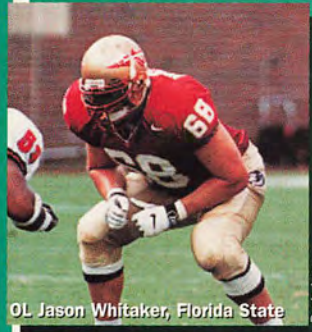
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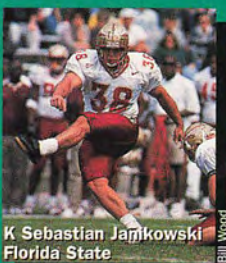
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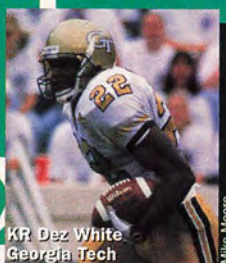
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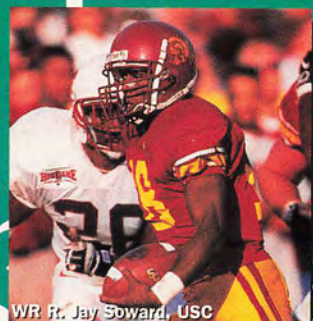
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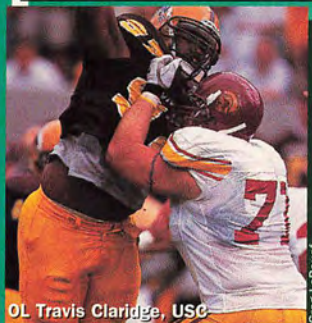
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Athlon's 1999 All-America TEAM

RUNNING BACK

Ron Dayne Senior
Wisconsin 5'10" 253

A regular on *Athlon's* preseason All-America picks, Dayne returns with his sights set on the NCAA career rushing record set in 1998 by Texas' Ricky Williams. He needs to average 156 yards per game in '99 to achieve that goal. His 4,536 career yards are just 498 shy of two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin's Big Ten mark. Dayne rumbled for 1,525 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

RUNNING BACK

Ricky Williams Junior
Texas Tech 5'9" 190

Williams should emerge from the shadow of the *other* Ricky Williams in '99. After breaking Byron Hanspard's school freshman rushing record in 1997, Williams ran for 1,582 yards — third-best in school history — and 13 touchdowns in '98. His per-game average of 143.8 yards ranked him fourth in the nation. He topped the 100-yard mark in eight contests and surpassed 200 yards twice.

KICKER

Sebastian Janikowski
Junior
Florida State

The 1998 Groza Award winner led the nation with 2.25 field goals per game and scored an ACC-record 123 points. He was 27-of-32 on field goals, with a long of 53 yards.

KICK RETURNER

Dez White
Junior
Georgia Tech

In 1998, White averaged 26.2 yards per kickoff return and established himself as a Biletnikoff Award contender at wideout. In two years, White has run back two kickoffs for scores.

WIDE RECEIVER

Peter Warrick Senior
Florida State 6'0" 190

The fourth-leading receiver in Florida State history with 2,583 career yards, Warrick is the most spectacular player in the college game. He caught 61 passes for 1,232 yards, a 20.2-yard average and 11 touchdowns last fall, and added another score running reverses. He also completed a 46-yard touchdown pass in the Florida game. An All-American in 1998, Warrick enters '99 as a Heisman frontrunner.

TIGHT END

Ibn Green Senior
Louisville 6'2" 225

Green has led the nation's tight ends in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns for each of the last two years. In '98, he caught 55 passes for 884 yards and 12 touchdowns. Green's 157 career receptions and 2,155 yards place him just 18 catches and 15 yards shy of school records. He has been a first-team All-Conference USA selection for two consecutive years.

QUARTERBACK

Drew Brees Junior
Purdue 6'1" 212

At a school renowned for producing great quarterbacks (Bob Griese, Len Dawson, Mark Herrmann, et al), Brees, after just one season as the starter, ranks fifth all-time in both completions (380) and passing touchdowns (39), and ninth in passing yards (4,215). His .621 completion percentage tops them all. Brees tied an NCAA record with 55 completions last Oct. 10 against Wisconsin.

WIDE RECEIVER

R. Jay Soward Senior
USC 5'11" 175

Since his freshman year, Soward has made 16 plays of 50 or more yards and scored a touchdown every 6.9 times he has touched the ball, with 27 TDs on 186 total touches. In his career, he has scored 19 touchdowns on pass receptions, three on kickoff returns, three on reverses and two on punt returns. In 1998, Soward caught 44 passes for 679 yards and six touchdowns.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Steve Hutchinson Junior
Michigan 6'5" 296

Recruited as a defensive lineman, Hutchinson started all 13 games at guard and made first-team All-Big Ten as a redshirt freshman in '97. As a sophomore, the former prep All-American followed up his rookie campaign with another all-conference season. A formidable drive blocker with excellent footwork, Hutchinson spearheads the Michigan attack from his left guard spot.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Rob Murphy Senior
Ohio State 6'5" 300

Murphy has been a starter at guard since the beginning of his redshirt freshman season. A high school hockey player and wrestler, Murphy is an irresistible force at the line of scrimmage with a no-nonsense, physical approach to the game. He is the cornerstone of the line that helped Ohio State to a sixth-place Division I-A finish in total offense in 1998, and he is a two-time All-American.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Cosey Coleman Junior
Tennessee 6'5" 315

Two years ago, Coleman was the only true freshman to contribute along the Tennessee offensive line. In '98, he started every game and enters '99 as a fixture at right guard. Coleman was a prime mover in the Volunteers' drive to the national championship. Tennessee rushed for over 200 yards in seven contests and had nine 100-yard games from its backs with Coleman paving the way.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Jason Whitaker Senior
Florida State 6'5" 300

Whitaker enters his senior season as the Seminoles' starter at split guard for a third straight year. In '98, Whitaker was the leader of an offensive line that paved the way to the championship game. He led all FSU offensive linemen with 36½ intimidations, did not allow a sack all season and was named the team's Dominator of the Week after both the NC State and Virginia contests.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

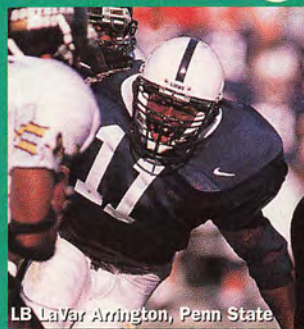
Travis Claridge Senior
USC 6'6" 310

The powerful Claridge has started all 36 games over the last three years at right guard for the Trojans. A Freshman All-American in 1996, Claridge anchors a USC offensive line that returns all five starters and threatens to reclaim its reputation as one of the nation's finest. In 1998, Claridge was first-team All-Pac-10 and was named USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year.



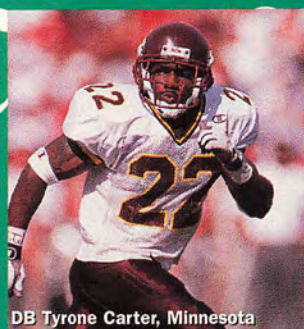
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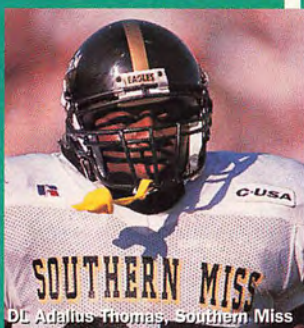
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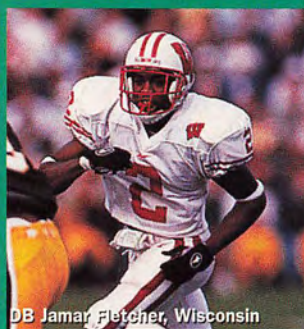
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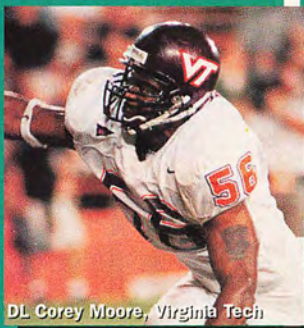
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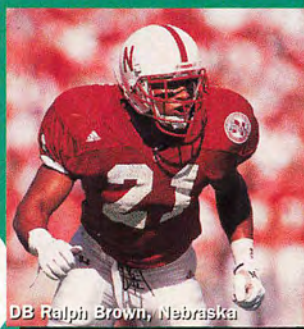
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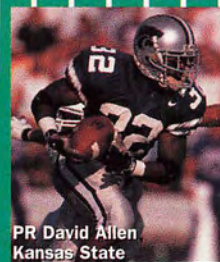
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Athlon's 1999 All-America TEAM

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Corey Simon Senior
Florida State 6'4" 275

A first-team AP All-American and All-ACC performer in 1998, Simon has the speed and tenacity of a linebacker. He dominates the line of scrimmage and can chase down ball carriers from behind. He paced FSU linemen with 65 tackles, including 37 solos, and registered a team-high 16 tackles for loss. He was named ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week for his stellar performance against USC.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Ennis Davis Junior
USC 6'4" 295

Chris Claiborne won the Butkus Award for USC in '98, but Davis was the Trojans' Defensive Player of the Year. He was credited with 13 tackles for loss and five pass breakups last fall while generally creating havoc for opponents. Against Arizona State, Davis blocked a field goal and recovered a fumble he himself had forced. The former high school All-American from LA made first-team All-Pac 10.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Adalius Thomas Senior
Southern Miss 6'4" 252

Thomas is a pass-rushing terror from his bandit end position in the Golden Eagle defense. He led Conference USA in sacks and tackles for loss in 1998 and, with a year left to play, owns his school's career and single-season records in both categories. In the 1998 Humanitarian Bowl, Thomas blocked a field goal and caught a 20-yard pass on a fake punt for a first down.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Corey Moore Senior
Virginia Tech 6'0" 212

An undersized defensive end with a mandate to assault the passer, Moore fulfilled his mission in '98, leading the Big East with 13½ sacks, five other tackles for loss, and 20 quarterback hurries. In 1997, he led the Hokies in hurries and finished second in sacks and tackles for loss without starting a game. Last fall he was a first-team All-American and Big East Defensive Player of the Year.

LINEBACKER

LaVar Arrington Junior
Penn State 6'3" 230

Arrington's incredible athletic ability opened eyes all year, like in the Illinois game, when he flew over the center-guard gap to pull down an Illini back for no gain on fourth-and-inches. Or in the Ohio State game, when he dragged down OSU's Michael Wiley from behind. Arrington registered 17 tackles for loss in '98 and became the first sophomore ever to be named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

LINEBACKER

Mark Simoneau Senior
Kansas State 6'0" 240

Simoneau is all that's left of Kansas State's sensational linebacker trio of the last two years. After posting over 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons, Simoneau led the Wildcats in tackles last fall with 95, including 58 solos and nine for losses of 22 yards, and picked off two passes. He was the Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year in '96 and has been first-team All-Big 12 the last two years.

LINEBACKER

Rob Morris Senior
BYU 6'2" 250

Morris is the linchpin of the Cougar defense and has led his team in tackles for each of the last two years. After switching from fullback as a freshman and registering 110 tackles as a sophomore, the ferocious competitor from Nampa, Idaho, notched 147 tackles, including 114 unassisted, in '98. He racked up six sacks and 16 tackles for loss. He intercepted a pass and ran it back 51 yards for a score.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Tyrone Carter Senior
Minnesota 5'9" 184

Strong safety Carter already owns his school's career record for solo tackles with 298. He led the Big Ten and set a single-season Minnesota record with 127 solo stops in '98. Carter has intercepted a pass in each of his first three years and has returned three fumbles for touchdowns. He posted a 26.7-yard kickoff return average last season and ran one back 86 yards for a score.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Mario Edwards Senior
Florida State 6'2" 195

Looking for reasons why Florida State led the nation in pass defense? Cornerback Mario Edwards is a good place to start. He broke into the starting lineup by Game 3 and finished atop the ACC charts in interceptions with six, including a school-record four in one game. Edwards also led his team with 11 pass breakups. His pick-off against Florida blunted a Gator scoring drive.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Jamar Fletcher Sophomore
Wisconsin 5'10" 167

Wisconsin improved from 10th in the Big Ten in pass defense in '97 to seventh in the nation in '98, and a big reason was Jamar Fletcher, who led the nation in interceptions. Of his seven picks last fall, he returned three for scores, a Big Ten record. His 12 pass breakups last season rank second in school history, and he tied a school record by breaking up four Cade McNown passes in the Rose Bowl.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Ralph Brown Senior
Nebraska 5'10" 180

Brown has started every game for Nebraska for the last three years — all 39 of them. In the process, he has broken the school records for pass breakups in a game (seven), season (14) and career (35). For good measure, Brown has eight career interceptions to his credit. He was the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 1996 and has claimed first-team all-conference honors the last two years.

PUNT RETURNER

David Allen Junior
Kansas State

Allen led the nation in punt returns with a 22.1-yard average and ran back four punts for touchdowns, tying an NCAA record. He needs two more to set the all-time career mark.

PUNTER

Shane Lechler Senior
Texas A&M

If Lechler can maintain his current average of 44.2 yards per punt, he will depart Texas A&M with the school career record. Lechler also booms kick-offs for the Aggies.



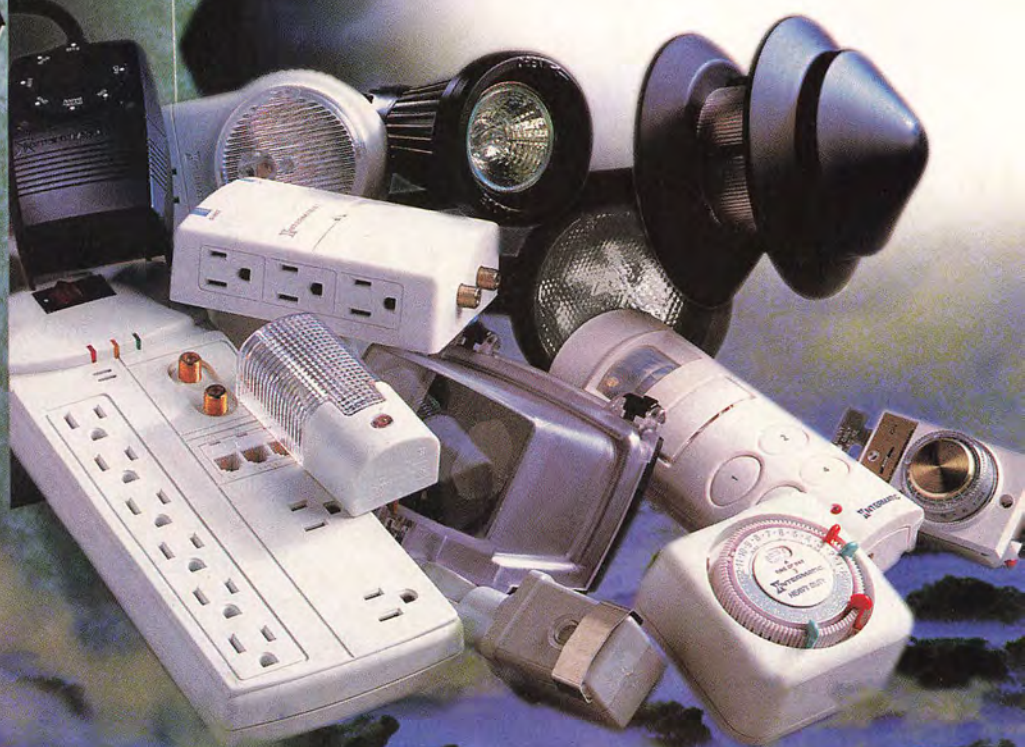
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TE Ibn Green	6'2"	225	Sr.	Louisville
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K Sebastian Janikowski	6'2"	255	Jr.	Florida St.
P Shane Lechler	6'2"	220	Sr.	Texas A&M

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR Sherrod Gideon	6'0"	176	Sr.	Southern Miss
WR Anthony Lucas	6'3"	198	Sr.	Arkansas
TE Daniel Franks	6'6"	245	Jr.	Miami
OL Chris McIntosh	6'7"	307	Sr.	Wisconsin
OL Noel LaMontagne	6'5"	302	Sr.	Virginia
OL Chris Samuels	6'6"	294	Sr.	Alabama
OL Rob Riti	6'3"	289	Sr.	Missouri
OL Richard Mercier	6'2"	290	Sr.	Miami
QB Joe Hamilton	5'10"	189	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB Michael Wiley	6'0"	195	Sr.	Ohio State
RB Trung Canidate	5'11"	199	Sr.	Arizona

SPECIALISTS

KR Broderick McGrew	6'3"	204	Sr.	North Texas
PR Damon Gourdine	5'7"	160	Sr.	San Diego State

DEFENSE

DL Leonardo Carson	6'3"	282	Sr.	Auburn
DL Chris Hovan	6'3"	285	Sr.	Boston College
DL Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	6'4"	235	Sr.	San Diego St.
DL Courtney Brown	6'5"	270	Sr.	Penn State
LB Raynoch Thompson	6'3"	217	Sr.	Tennessee
LB Dan Morgan	6'2"	230	Jr.	Miami
LB Marcus Bell	6'2"	230	Sr.	Arizona
DB Jarrod Cooper	6'1"	205	Jr.	Kansas State
DB Lloyd Harrison	5'11"	193	Sr.	NC State
DB David Macklin	5'9"	199	Sr.	Penn State
DB Deon Grant	6'3"	205	Jr.	Tennessee

K Nathan Villegas	5'9"	165	Sr.	Oregon
P Kevin Stemke	6'2"	186	Jr.	Wisconsin

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

WR Arnold Jackson	5'8"	160	Sr.	Louisville
WR Danny Farmer	6'4"	210	Sr.	UCLA
TE Anthony Becht	6'6"	265	Sr.	West Virginia
OL Manuia Savea	6'3"	280	Sr.	Arizona
OL Kareem McKenzie	6'7"	320	Jr.	Penn State
OL Casey Rabach	6'5"	287	Jr.	Wisconsin
OL Mike Malano	6'2"	300	Sr.	San Diego State
OL R. Johanningmeier	6'7"	310	Sr.	Colorado
QB Tee Martin	6'3"	215	Sr.	Tennessee
RB Jamal Lewis	6'0"	225	Jr.	Tennessee
RB Travis Prentice	6'2"	228	Sr.	Miami (Ohio)

SPECIALISTS

KR Ben Kelly	5'10"	185	Jr.	Colorado
PR Nick Davis	5'10"	174	So.	Wisconsin

DEFENSE

DL Darwin Walker	6'3"	290	Sr.	Tennessee
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DL Jabari Issa	6'6"	295	Sr.	Washington
DL Darren Howard	6'4"	275	Sr.	Kansas State
LB Na'il Diggs	6'4"	235	Jr.	Ohio State
LB Sekou Sanyika	6'3"	235	Sr.	California
LB Peter Sirmon	6'2"	246	Sr.	Oregon
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DB Pat Dennis	6'0"	203	Jr.	NE Louisiana
DB Hank Poteat	6'0"	190	Sr.	Pittsburgh
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K Ryan White	5'10"	183	So.	Memphis
P Craig Jarrett	6'2"	208	So.	Michigan State

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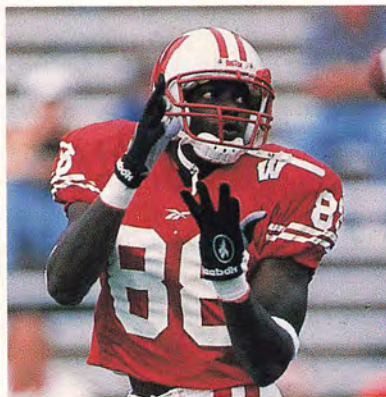
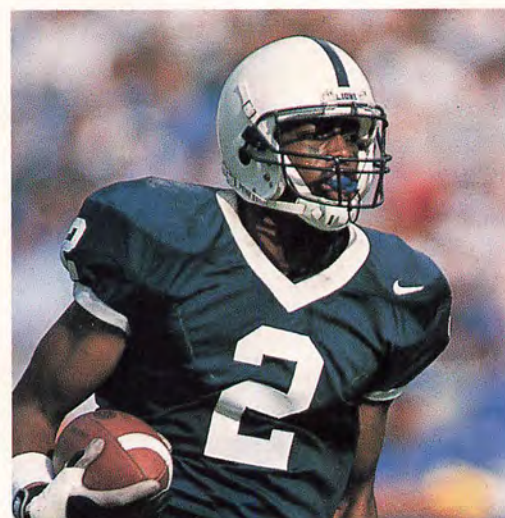
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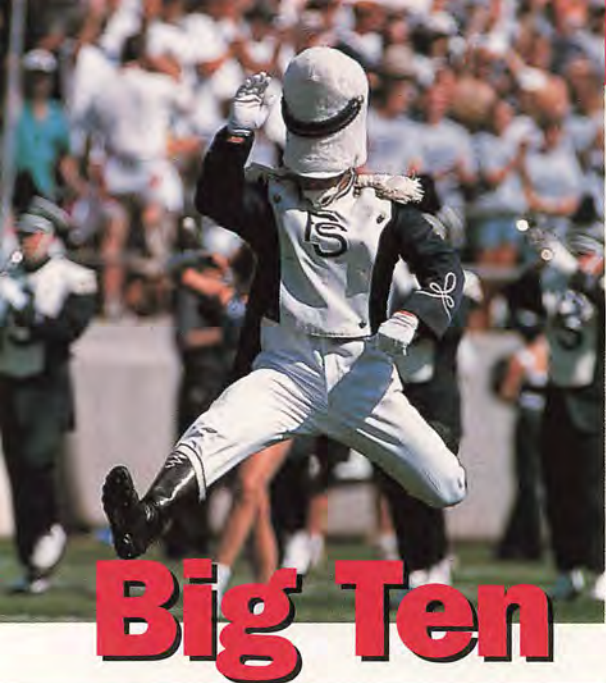
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Big Ten

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1. Penn State
2. Michigan
3. Wisconsin
4. Ohio State
5. Purdue
6. Michigan St.
7. Minnesota
8. Indiana
9. Illinois
10. Iowa
11. Northwestern

A 5-0 record in bowl games, five teams finishing in the AP Top 25 and the second highest attendance in the nation – that's how good 1998 was to the Big Ten.

Need an encore? How about a Penn State team loaded to the gills or the return of Purdue's quarterback extraordinaire Drew Brees and Wisconsin's punishing running back Ron Dayne.

The Big Ten could up the ante on 1998 with a fearsome foursome (Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin) returning with national title hopes. Throw in Purdue, Michigan State, Minnesota and Indiana and the strength of the 1999 Big Ten becomes evident.

None appears stronger on paper than Penn State. The Nittany Lions return 15 starters from a 9-3 squad. Last season, quarterback Kevin Thompson struggled with the long ball, but he found his rhythm on short passes toward the end of the season and Penn State appeared invincible. All he has to do this season is have mediocre outings and let the defense do the rest. Led by tireless linebacker LaVar Arrington, the Penn State defense could be the nation's best.

Michigan (10-3) should nip Penn State's heels in the race for the Big Ten title, but the Wolverines will have to tackle a schedule that includes six teams who were ranked at the end of last year. A platoon system could be used to get both Tom Brady and super sophomore Drew Henson on the field at quarterback.

Wisconsin (11-1) and its massive offensive line will give Dayne the ball, get on his back and ride him to victory. If the defense can hold up and Dayne stays injury-free, the Badgers will compete with the conference's elite.

Ohio State just may have been the best team in the nation last season, but an unfortunate slip-up against Michigan State disallowed the Buckeyes an opportunity to prove it. Now quarterback Joe Germaine, receivers David Boston and Dee Miller and linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer are in the NFL. It's time to reload.

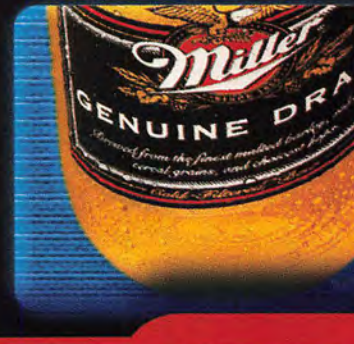
Now that you have coached at Purdue (9-4) in the Big Ten for two seasons, Joe Tiller, we'd like to introduce you to Ohio State and Michigan. They've been absent from your schedule since your arrival. They will play your Boilermakers this season. Good luck.

Michigan State (6-6) will rely on an experienced defense and prayers that the Columbus version of quarterback Bill Burke will show up. Minnesota could be bowl-bound for the first time since 1986 after a surprising 5-6 season in 1998.

Last year's Big Ten Freshman of the Year, quarterback Antwaan Randle El, returns to Indiana (4-7). Illinois (3-8) will fight to stay out of the Big Ten basement, which will be shared with Iowa (3-8) and a Northwestern (3-9) team that has returned to its pre-Gary Barnett stature.

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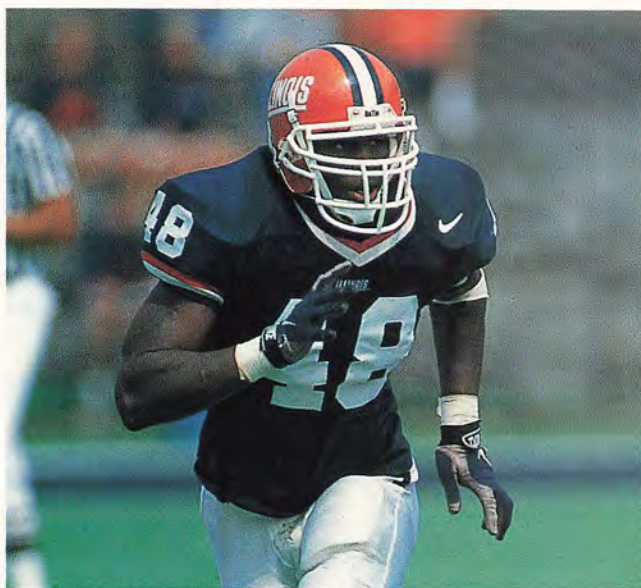
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Illinois coach Ron Turner didn't win a game in 1997, and he could only muster three victories a year ago. But, if three critical components of his team come together this fall, substantial progress is in the offing.

"We have a long, long way to go," says Turner, "and we're not even close to answering the questions. But, if we can answer them in a positive way I think we can make a big jump this year. I don't think six wins is out of the question."

To do that, Turner says he needs much, much better play from the quarterback position, solid offensive linemen who can replace three lost starters and defensive linemen who can pass rush.



Danny Clark

He'll be aided by returning starters and/or key lettermen at no fewer than 14 positions, including Kirk Johnson and Kurt Kittner at quarterback; Danny Clark, Mike Young and Eric Guenther at linebacker; and all four defensive backs.

"If we can answer those questions, I don't think (six wins) is unrealistic at all," says Turner.

It's a daunting challenge. The Illini were equally ineffective in all areas of the game a year ago, although you must give them some credit for a balanced offensive attack. The team registered an anemic 1,607 passing yards to go with 1,560 rushing yards.

quarterbacks

While some things change at Illinois — new players, new assistants, transfers and the like — one thing seems to stay the same: uncertainty at the quarterback position.

Turner hides nothing when discussing this topic. The play at QB has been erratic since he arrived in 1996, and that pattern must change and change immediately. Turner has juggled three different sig-

nal-callers in each of his first two seasons, but he's hoping to stick with one this fall.

That job will likely go to one of three players: senior Kirk Johnson, sophomore Kurt Kittner or true freshman Christian Morton. Johnson, relatively efficient but not a player who pulls off spectacular plays, and Kittner, a solid passer, both started several games last year, but their numbers were far from impressive. They combined for three touchdown passes and 10 interceptions. Morton, a passer and scrambler, could be the answer if he's able to pass the college entrance exam.

Turner will also take a good look at redshirt freshman Walter Young, but his chances of beating out one of the other three are slim.

running backs

Arguably the deepest position on the team with at least four players competing for time. Sophomore Rocky Harvey led the team last season with 634 yards and senior Steve Havard followed closely behind with 564 yards. Sophomore Jameel Cook, with only 48 carries a year ago, will provide depth, along with Antoinio Harris, who missed last season because of academic problems.

Seniors Elmer Hickman and Chris Hoffman will share the fullback duties. Hickman gained 122 yards on 28 carries and caught 19 passes last season. Hoffman, a converted linebacker who blocks well, caught eight passes for 56 yards. Both players possess good size.

receivers

Turner kicked two junior college transfers off the team last year and lost another, Larry Davis, this past off-season because of family problems, depleting the receiving corps appreciably.

Seniors Michael Dean, Terrance Smalls and Lenny Willis all return, but last season they combined for zero touchdown catches. Dean is awfully thin at 6'2", 165 pounds, Smalls goes only 5'7", and Willis missed a lot of spring drills because of academic conflicts.

Tight end is equally problematic because Turner just can't seem to figure out how to get the ball to that position. Sophomore Brian Hodges, a converted quarterback, started all 11 games there last season, but he only caught seven passes. Junior Josh Whitman caught just 10 passes.

offensive linemen

The offensive front is the second of three areas that must improve if Turner is going to get his six victories. Last year's crew allowed 27 sacks, and three of the five starters are gone.

In addition to the pair of returning starters — juniors Ray Redziniak at right guard and Marques Sullivan, who switched from right tackle to left tackle — Turner will turn to sophomore Luke



Kirk Johnson



Marques Sullivan

Butkus (the nephew of Hall of Famer and Illinois alumnus Dick) at center, senior Chip Nicastro at right tackle and sophomore Jay Kulaga along with freshman James Brown at left guard.

defensive linemen

At times last season, opponents threw the ball at will. To turn that around Turner is trying to build a solid pass rush around senior Rameel Connor, who recovered from a knee injury to play last season and has lost a few excess pounds this past off-season. Turner will also look to juniors Jason Eberhart and Fred Wakefield, who stands 6'7" but missed a significant portion of last season with an illness.

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Illinois was outscored by that margin in the first half last season when, it seemed, opponents took advantage before the Illini got used to the pace of the game and their offense got in gear.

Inside, senior Mike McGee, junior Karleton Thomas and sophomore Brandon Moore all return. The 285-pound McGee led all returning players with four sacks last season. Freshman Kwenda Hodges will also compete for playing time, along with senior Matt Carlton, who moved over from the offensive line.

Last season opponents averaged 216 yards

per game and scored 14 times through the air. Turner knows some of that must stop.

linebackers

This linebacking group will anchor the defense and fly around like never before if most of its members can stay healthy.

Senior Danny Clark, who missed spring ball after shoulder surgery, will fill up the middle again after leading the team a year ago with 115 tackles. Junior Mike Young is also back, along with senior Eric Guenther, who was granted a red-shirt last season after going down with an injury in the second game of the season. Junior Robert Franklin, who finished second behind Clark with 86 tackles, will also play a significant role.

defensive backs

The secondary is an area of strength with seniors Asim Pleas and Tony Francis back at cornerback. Pleas led the Illini with three interceptions and also had 60 tackles. Junior Bobby Jackson — whose father, Robert, joined the staff

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 18 — at Louisville

Illinois will play its first road game at Louisville and look to avenge a heartbreaking loss there two seasons ago.

Oct. 2 — at Indiana

This contest will determine the progress of these two rebuilding programs. The Hoosiers will have revenge on their minds after the Illini won last season in Champaign.

Nov. 20 — Northwestern

The season finale at home against Northwestern may also catch fire after Illinois won in Evanston last season. This may be Turner's desired sixth win.

in the off-season as receivers coach — and sophomore Muhammad Abdullah are back at safety.

Incoming freshman Marc Jackson, Bobby's younger brother, will help out when he arrives in the fall. Sophomores Anthony Hurd and Thomas Robinson, along with senior Johnny Rogers, will also see playing time.

specialists

Senior placekicker Neil Rackers is back, along with sophomore punter Steve Fitts. Fitts finished the season with 77 punts and averaged 41.3 yards per boot. Turner hopes he's not needed as much this fall.

Harvey is slated to handle the punt return duties along with Smalls, and Havard will return kicks.

Outside the Huddle

New blood Illinois starts the season with two new assistant coaches; Chris Green will take care of the defensive backs and Robert Jackson will handle the receivers. Green is a former Illini cornerback and Jackson came to Illinois after spending the last two seasons as director of football operations at Oregon State. He grew up in Illinois and played college ball at Northern Illinois.

New plan Turner will go without an offensive coordinator this fall. Buddy Teevens filled that position for two seasons but left for Florida. Turner, who called the plays last season, says he wants to be more involved in coaching the quarterbacks and the day-to-day operation of his offense. That, he says, will allow him to better understand what his players can do on game day.

Lopsided scoring Illinois scored a total of 19 touchdowns last season while its opponents registered 40 total scores. That included only three touchdown passes for the Illini compared to 14 for all opponents.

New challenges Illinois must play at Michigan this season and play host to Minnesota. The last two years both teams were off the schedule in favor of Purdue and Wisconsin. The non-conference games include Arkansas State and San Diego State in Champaign and Louisville on the road.

1999 Illinois Roster

1998 Record: 3-8
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Ron Turner

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
7	Abdullah, Muhammad	DB	6-1	195	So.	Barneget, NJ
85	Allan, Chris	WR	6-1	174	So.	Greenville, IL
81	Bardwell, Roy	DE	6-4	230	Sr.	Robbins, IL
37	Bornhoeft, John	WR	6-2	190	Jr.	Wilmette, IL
5	Brown, Bobby	SS	6-1	180	So.	Monticello, IL
68	Brown, James	OL	6-4	267	Fr.	Pleasant Lake, IN
71	Butkus, Luke	OL	6-4	285	So.	Steger, IL
70	Carlton, Matt	DL	6-6	310	Sr.	Livonia, MI
48	Clark, Danny	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Country Club Hills, IL
38	Collier, Jeff	CB	5-11	185	Jr.	Dixon, IL
95	Connor, Rameel	DE	6-3	260	Sr.	Oak Park, IL
34	Cook, Jameel	HB	6-0	220	So.	Miami, FL
88	Craciunoiu, Mike	TE	6-3	255	Jr.	Franklin, IN
72	Cutter, Dan	OL	6-7	310	So.	Tampa, FL
1	Dean, Michael	WR	6-2	165	Sr.	Key West, FL
74	Derillo, Jerry	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Clark, NJ
64	Diehl, David	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	Oak Lawn, IL
54	Donoghue, Ed	OL	6-3	265	Fr.	Chicago, IL
97	Eberhart, Jason	DE	6-3	260	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
10	Fitts, Steve	P	6-0	180	Sr.	S. Congaree, SC
20	Frame, Marc	K	5-9	205	Jr.	Trophy Club, TX
33	Francis, Tony	CB	6-2	200	Sr.	Glenwood, IL
30	Franklin, Robert	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
78	Gal, Joe	OL	6-3	270	So.	Lemont, IL
20	Garrett, Eric	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
28	Gilbert, Mike	S	6-2	190	Fr.	Kiriin, IN
3	Griffin, Woodson	K	6-0	205	So.	St. Charles, IL
41	Guenther, Eric	LB	6-2	235	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, CA
31	Harris, Antoinio	HB	6-1	215	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL
26	Harris, Johnnie	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	Mesa, AZ
23	Harvey, Rocky	RB	5-9	175	So.	Chicago, IL
38	Havard, Steve	RB	5-10	205	Sr.	Wheaton, IL
32	Hickman, Elmer	FB	6-1	230	Sr.	Alton, IL
51	Hodel, Nathan	LS	6-2	240	Jr.	Fairview Hgts., IL
80	Hodges, Brian	TE	6-4	255	So.	Country Club Hills, IL
65	Hodges, Kwenda	DE	6-4	260	Fr.	Gulfport, MS
49	Hoffman, Chris	FB	6-2	235	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
57	Hood, Marcus	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
43	Hurd, Anthony	CB	5-10	175	So.	New Orleans, LA
2	Jackson, Bobby	SS	6-1	205	Jr.	Corvallis, OR
9	Johnson, Kirk	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Brentwood, TN
40	Julian, Anthony	CB	5-9	185	Jr.	Oak Brook, IL
55	Kautter, Brett	DT	6-3	260	Fr.	Harrisburg, PA
94	King, Oliver	DT	6-4	280	Jr.	Saginaw, MI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
15	Kittner, Kurt	QB	6-3	205	So.	Schaumburg, IL
67	Kulaga, Jay	OL	6-5	305	So.	Seminole, FL
37	Lattimore, Carlos	HB	6-1	222	Fr.	Peoria, IL
40	Lewis, Ivery	FB	5-10	236	Sr.	Danville, IL
47	Long, Mon	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	Sarasota, FL
90	Long, Robby	DE	6-3	255	So.	Champaign, IL
60	Malczyk, Mike	LS	5-11	240	So.	Lake Zurich, IL
85	McGee, Mike	DT	6-3	285	Sr.	Springfield, IL
46	McGill, Tim	DE	6-3	265	Fr.	Chicago, IL
96	Moore, Brandon	DL	6-3	280	So.	Gary, IN
86	Moorehead, Aaron	WR	6-3	192	Fr.	Deerfield, IL
36	Nawrocki, Nolan	S	5-11	210	Sr.	Chicago, IL
75	Nicastro, Chip	OL	6-6	295	Sr.	Florissant, MO
84	Ogata, B.J.	TE	6-3	237	Jr.	Arcadia, MI
44	Parrillo, Jake	P	6-0	220	Jr.	Frankfort, IL
79	Pashos, Tony	OL	6-6	310	Fr.	Lockport, IL
13	Peterson, Brent	K	6-1	180	Fr.	Columbus, OH
82	Piazza, Nick	WR	6-1	185	So.	Frankfort, IL
24	Pleas, Asim	CB	5-10	180	Sr.	Youngstown, OH
98	Rackers, Neil	K	6-0	195	Sr.	Florissant, MO
69	Redziniak, Ray	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Clark, NJ
22	Robinson, Thomas	DB	6-0	170	So.	Daytona Beach, FL
29	Rogers, Johnny	CB	5-9	170	Sr.	Lynwood, IL
62	Rouse, Patrick	LS	6-0	225	So.	Champaign, IL
94	Rucks, Bruce	LB	6-0	200	So.	Elgin, IL
76	Scott, Brian	OL	6-1	275	Sr.	Urbana, IL
16	Sessions, Roy	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
31	Shepard, Bryan	CB	5-10	165	So.	Barrington, IL
14	Singleton, Bobbie	DB	6-1	205	So.	Chicago, IL
4	Smalls, Terrance	WR	5-7	165	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
81	Smiley, Matt	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	East Lynn, IL
45	Strong, Manuel	LB	6-4	243	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
59	Sullivan, Marques	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Oak Park, IL
91	Tesdall, Seth	DT	6-3	269	Sr.	Morris, IL
92	Thomas, Karleton	DT	6-5	276	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
99	Wakefield, Fred	DE	6-7	265	Jr.	Tuscola, IL
25	Washington, Quincy	HB	6-0	205	Fr.	Champaign, IL
87	Whitman, Josh	TE	6-4	244	Jr.	W. Lafayette, IN
21	Willis, Lenny	WR	5-9	178	Sr.	Champaign, IL
61	Workman, Adam	K	5-8	160	So.	Peoria, IL
52	Young, Mike	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
18	Young, Walter	QB	6-5	210	Fr.	Park Forest, IL

1999 Signees

Name **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Jim Bloodworth OL 6-5 255 Washington, NJ
 A two-time All-Skyland Conference selection. Named All-West Jersey selection by the Star-Ledger.

Kenny Boyle TE 6-5 240 Chatham, IL
 All-state selection. Caught 71 passes for 1,236 yds. and 18 TDs as a senior.

Sean Bubin OL 6-7 265 Rantoul, IL
 Earned all-state honors as a junior and senior. Named to the PrepStar All-American team.

Carey Davis RB 6-0 220 Florissant, MO
 Honorable mention all-metro. Rushed for over 1,000 yds. last season.

Jim Ferguson OL 6-4 270 Morton, IL
 Named honorable mention all-state. Played defensive tackle and center in high school.

Aaron Hodges OL 6-5 270 Country Club Hills, IL
 Honorable mention All-American by USA Today. All-state selection. Brother Brian plays tight end at Illinois.

Marc Jackson DB 6-1 185 Corvallis, OR
 Named All-America by SuperPrep. PrepStar and TNAA. A Chicago Sun-Times Top 100 selection.

Brandon Lloyd DB 6-2 170 Blue Springs, MO
 All-state selection. Intercepted six passes and returned one for a touchdown at cornerback.

Phil Macklin LB 6-1 220 Maywood, IL
 Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Year. Made 99 tackles last season. State qualifier in the long jump.

Eric McGoe WR 6-3 182 Wheaton, IL
 All-state selection. Caught 60 passes during his senior season for 1,276 yds. and 21 TDs.

Christian Morton QB 6-3 170 St. Louis, MO
 USA Today Missouri Player of the Year. Led Riverview Gardens to Missouri Class 5A state title as a senior, throwing for 2,543 yds. and 26 TDs.

Ty Myers LB 6-4 200 Springfield, OH
 All-state selection. Two-time Western Ohio League first-team selection at defensive back.

Aaron Nobles LB 6-2 228 Rocklin, CA
 All-area honorable mention by the Sacramento Bee. All-conference selection twice.

Mike O'Brien DE 6-6 210 Oak Lawn, IL
 All-area. Led team in sacks both his junior and senior season, registering nine and 10.5, respectively.

Shaheed Richardson DE 6-3 238 Fontana, CA
 All-American by SuperPrep. Three-time All-Citrus Belt League selection.

Chris Rucks OL 6-6 265 Lincolnshire, IL
 All-state honors by state's coaches' association. Team finished with an 8-2 mark last year.

Jeff Ruffin DT 6-4 280 Aurora, IL
 Earned several all-state honors. Played defensive tackle and placekicker last season.

Jerry Schumacher LB 6-3 215 Chicago, IL
 All-state and MVP of the Catholic League Metro Blue division. Honorable mention All-American by USA Today.

Dwayne Smith WR 6-2 175 Rantoul, IL
 All-American by PrepStar. Tabbed all-region first-team by CNN/SI. Played 10 positions for high school team.

Trayvon Waller DB 6-3 185 Los Angeles, CA
 Named JC Gridwire All-American at El Camino (Calif.) College.

Dustin Ward QB 6-3 180 Champaign, IL
 Champaign News-Gazette Player of the Year. Threw for 2,258 yds and 27 TDs last year.

Terrell Washington DE 6-4 235 St. Louis, MO
 All-Jayhawk Conference selection as a defensive end at Hutchinson (KS) JC.

Eugene Wilson DB 6-0 165 Merrillville, IN
 Two-time all-state selection. Named conference MVP on defense.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (4)

SE 1 Michael Dean (Sr., 3)	86 Aaron Moorehead (Fr., 0)
LT 59 Marques Sullivan (Jr., 2)	64 David Diehl (Fr., 0)
LG 67 Jay Kulaga (So., 1)	68 James Brown (Fr., 0)
C 71 Luke Butkus (So., 1)	76 Brian Scott (Sr., 0)
RG 69 Ray Redziniak (Jr., 2)	54 Ed Donoghue (Fr., 0)
RT 75 Chip Nicastro (Sr., 1)	79 Tony Pashos (Fr., 0)
TE 80 Brian Hodges (So., 1)	87 Josh Whitman (Jr., 2)
QB 9 Kirk Johnson (Sr., 1)	15 Kurt Kittner (So., 1)
RB 38 Steve Havard (Sr., 3)	23 Rocky Harvey (So., 1)
FB 32 Elmer Hickman (Sr., 2)	49 Chris Hoffman (Sr., 3)
FL 21 Lenny Willis (Sr., 3)	4 Terrance Smalls (Sr., 1)

DEFENSE (9)

DE 95 Rameel Connor (Sr., 2)	90 Robby Long (So., 0)
DT 85 Mike McGee (Sr., 3)	92 Karleton Thomas (Jr., 2)
DT 96 Brandon Moore (So., 1)	70 Matt Carlton (Sr., 1)
DE 97 Jason Eberhart (Jr., 2)	99 Fred Wakefield (Jr., 2)
LB 48 Danny Clark (Sr., 3)	47 Mon Long (Jr., 2)
LB 41 Eric Guenther (Sr., 3)	30 Robert Franklin (Jr., 2)
LB 52 Mike Young (Jr., 2)	20 Eric Garrett (Jr., 2)
CB 33 Tony Francis (Sr., 3)	43 Anthony Hurd (So., 1)
CB 24 Asim Pleas (Sr., 3)	29 Johnny Rogers (Sr., 1)
SS 2 Bobby Jackson (Jr., 2)	5 Bobby Brown (So., 0)
FS 7 Muhammad Abdullah (So., 1)	16 Roy Sessions (Jr., 0)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 98 Neil Rackers (Sr., 3)
P 10 Steve Fitts (So., 1)
KR 38 Steve Havard (Sr., 3)
PR 4 Terrance Smalls (Sr., 1)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
 Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Kurt Kittner, 72-162-782-1, 7 TDs
Rushing: Rocky Harvey, 134 car., 634 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Lenny Willis, 26 rec., 301 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Rocky Harvey, 6 TDs, 36 points
Punting: Steve Fitts, 77 punts, 41.3 avg.
Kicking: Neil Rackers, 7-10 FGs, 14-16 XP
Tackles: Danny Clark, 115, 84 solo
Sacks: Mike McGee, 4
Interceptions: Asim Pleas, 3 for 100 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Arkansas State
Sept. 11	San Diego State
Sept. 18	at Louisville
Sept. 25	Michigan State
Oct. 2	at Indiana
Oct. 16	Minnesota
Oct. 23	at Michigan
Oct. 30	Penn State
Nov. 6	at Iowa
Nov. 13	at Ohio State
Nov. 20	Northwestern

Rising Star

True freshman quarterback Christian Morton out of St. Louis ended his high school career as the area's all-time leading passer. He could take over the position at Illinois and do more than anyone Turner has seen before him once he takes care of that pesky entrance exam.

Pardon Indiana coach Cam Cameron for repeating himself. He isn't promising anything out of the ordinary, but he certainly has hope. Just as he did last year and the year before, in his rookie season as head coach.

Cameron is entering his third season, and it looks promising with 17 returning starters and seven home games. After going 2-9 his first year in charge at his alma mater, the Hoosiers improved by two wins to 4-7.

What's next?

"You can realistically expect us to get better," Cameron says, vaguely echoing his expectations of a year ago. "You can realistically expect us to up our



Pita Elisara

level of play, in terms of how hard we play, another notch."

The Hoosiers boast one of the top defensive lines in the Big Ten. Quarterback Antwaan Randle El is back, fresh off league honors, and he'll be playing behind a veteran line.

quarterbacks

Randle El captured headlines and Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors last season with his exciting style in running the option. Cameron doesn't want to rely on the option but still plans to use Randle El's skills. "We're not going to run it as much," Cameron says. "We did that because we had to. We want to rely on our tailbacks, and we want to throw the ball more."

Randle El played basketball for Bobby Knight and broke his right (throwing) hand twice but is fully recovered. He completed only 47 percent of his passes for 1,745 yards and six touchdowns last season. Redshirt freshmen Tommy Jones and Gibran Hamdan, who also plays baseball at IU, will be

vying for playing time. Jones, at 6'4", 234, was one of the most highly recruited players out of Ohio.

running backs

The Hoosiers go into the season with plenty of choices but nothing decided in the backfield. Full-back was left vacant when Chris Gall graduated and it's expected backup Jason Spear, a converted tailback, will take over. Spear is quick and athletic, and he's got good hands.

De'Wayne Hogan got a look at linebacker during the spring, but the junior should be a factor at full-back. Two years ago, he was the Hoosiers' leading rusher with 506 yards. Senior Frankie Franklin and junior Marcus Floyd likely will share the duties at tailback, and sophomore receiver Levron Williams, who saw playing time at tailback last season, likely will do so again.

receivers

Youth has dominated the wideout position the last two years, so Cameron figures it can only improve. "We ran out of gas at receiver the end of last year," says Cameron. Keeping the tank full is a priority, so there will be junior college enhancements this season.

Juniors Tyrone Browning, O.J. Conner and Versie Gaddis, the fastest player on the team with 4.3 speed, are all back, along with sophomores Derin Graham and Williams, when he's not in the backfield. Browning was the Hoosiers' go-to receiver last year and had 47 catches.

At tight end, Craig Osika returns after making six starts as a true freshman last year, but look for 6'7", 267-pound Bobby Brandt, who has gained 40 pounds, to make an impact.

offensive linemen

The five returning starters from last season — four juniors and one senior — helped the Hoosiers average 195.5 yards rushing. Cameron loved the interior blocking last season and is banking on improved perimeter blocking, assuming the tailbacks, receivers and tight ends make their assignments.

Most impressive in a transitional year was senior Chad Miller, who moved to center from the defensive line. He'll have plenty of familiar faces around him. Left tackle Pita Elisara started all last season and earned postseason honors. Craig Robeen returns at right tackle, where he offers the consistency and experience of a 22-consecutive-game starter.

Junior James Broyles and senior Matt Snyder are returning starters at the guards, but Snyder had knee surgery in January. Redshirt freshmen Enoch DeMar and Trevor Abbs and sophomore Nate DeArmond will all challenge to take over at guard if Snyder is not recovered.



Antwaan Randle El



Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 25 — at Penn State

The Nittany Lions are back on the schedule after a two-year hiatus, and the Hoosiers hope the break did them some good.

Oct. 30 — Michigan

They meet on the Hoosiers' turf, site of the last IU upset of the Wolverines way back in 1987.

Nov. 20 — Purdue

The Old Oaken Bucket is on the line in this annual grudge match. Purdue has blown out the Hoosiers the past two seasons, so revenge is in order.

signed six defensive backs, including two junior-college transfers. Randle El has played corner and safety in his career and started every game last season, as did McGrath. McGrath, a free safety, was second on the team with 80 tackles, and he had two interceptions.

specialists

Special teams play was among the top priorities during spring practice and the off-season. "We lost five games in the fourth quarter or in overtime, and anytime you do that, you can point to special teams," Cameron says.

Junior Andy Payne adds consistency in the kicking game, having made 27-of-29 extra points and 10-of-12 field goal attempts last season. Drew Hagan averaged 36.2 yards a punt last season, certainly not awe-inspiring. He could lose the job to sophomore J.R. Drummond. Sophomore Derin Graham returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown against Wisconsin last season and comes back as the primary returner.

Outside the Huddle

Lucky 13? Randle El completed the first 13 passes of the season last year, but the luck did not stick with him throughout the season. He completed only 47 percent of his attempts for the year.

Rodgers out A starter one year, a backup the next didn't sit well with quarterback Jay Rodgers. He will be playing in Division I-AA, which does not require a transfer to sit out a year, for his final year of eligibility this season.

Getting faster One of the goals of Cameron's recruiting efforts for 1999 was speed and more speed. Of the 25 members of the incoming class, 14 have run the 40-yard dash in 4.5 or faster.

Hand it to him Quarterback Antwaan Randle El is appearing on some preseason lists as a Heisman hopeful despite breaking his right (throwing) hand twice while playing for the IU basketball team.

Ready to go IU cornerback and Antwaan's brother, Curtis Randle El, had a difficult spring but is ready for the season. During a brawl between some Hoosier players and members of a fraternity, Curtis was stabbed in the abdomen and required surgery.

Adewale Ogunleye

defensive linemen

Cameron carefully chooses his words when describing his defensive line, and you have to wonder why.

"This could be our strength," he says. Of course it is, with the return of All-Big Ten Adewale Ogunleye, who graduated in May but decided to skip the NFL draft, where he was expected to be a first-round pick. Ogunleye is one of the league's — and perhaps the country's — most talented ends. He is IU's career leader in sacks (26½) and tackles for loss (53) and will be a Lombardi Award candidate this year.

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The total points Cam Cameron's Hoosiers have allowed rival Purdue the last two years in season-ending routs. Indiana managed to score only 14 total in those games.

Damian Gregory is an explosive tackle who had 54 tackles and five sacks last season, but an off-field incident prior to spring practice leaves his final season up in the air. Jason Czap started 11 games at tackle last season, but he is still recovering from a nagging wrist injury that could hamper his playing time. Cameron is looking to the future and plans to give several redshirt freshmen plenty of playing time.

linebackers

Jabar Robinson, who owned the middle as a four-year starter, is gone. Sophomore strong safety Justin Smith has moved to linebacker, but there are several who played the position last season who are in line for starting jobs. Sophomore Devin Shaffer, who along with junior Tony Brown played outside last season, is the leading contender to replace Robinson. Senior Brad Gecina started eight games a year ago and had 34 tackles and a fumble recovery.

defensive backs

The Hoosiers ranked third nationally last season in interceptions with 19, and all their defensive backs return except Smith, who moves to linebacker. Strong safety now belongs to sophomore Greg Yeldell, the national high school record-holder in the triple jump, who had five interceptions last season, including three against Michigan.

Preparing for the departures after this season of seniors Curtis Randle El and Mike McGrath, Cameron

1999 Indiana Roster

1998 Record: 4-7
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Cam Cameron

NO. NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
60 Abbs, Trevor	G	6-6	276	Fr.	Kendallville, IN
64 Abruzzo, Nick	T	6-6	279	Jr.	Schaumburg, IL
85 Anthony, Stephen	LB	6-3	242	Fr.	Bowling Green, KY
44 Bailou, David	FB	6-0	248	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
72 Barnett, Derek	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	Evansville, IN
79 Baumgarten, Doug	G	6-7	297	Sr.	Bonita, CA
87 Baxter, Stephen	WR	6-2	184	Fr.	Trafalgar, IN
68 Belcher, Jeremy	DL	6-2	243	Fr.	Martinsville, IN
15 Bethel, Ron	WR	6-3	201	Fr.	Louisville, KY
46 Bouchard, Rob	FB	6-0	227	Fr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
97 Bramel, Gordon	DE	6-4	258	Jr.	Lebanon, KY
81 Brandt, Bobby	TE	6-7	267	Fr.	Lancaster, PA
94 Brown, Tony	LB	6-2	251	Jr.	Dayton, OH
23 Browning, Tyrone	WR	6-0	187	Jr.	Evansville, IN
66 Broyles, James	G	6-5	306	Jr.	Rensselaer, IN
19 Buck, Donnie	LB	6-0	222	Fr.	Bedford, IN
63 Cantwell, Jay	G	6-4	269	So.	Glenview, IL
82 Capen, Tim	WR	5-9	176	So.	Greenfield, IN
96 Ciriaco, Yeronimo	DT	6-2	264	Sr.	Bronx, NY
3 Clancy, Narlin	DB	5-10	202	Jr.	Fl. Wayne, IN.
4 Conner, O.J.	WR	6-1	175	Jr.	Gary, IN
68 Czap, Jason	DL	6-3	256	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
80 Davis, Chris	WR	6-3	221	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
76 DeArmond, Nate	G	6-3	291	So.	Fl. Wayne, IN
70 DeMar, Enoch	G	6-4	294	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
43 Dotson, Jerry	LB	6-0	213	Fr.	Monrovia, IN
24 Drummond, J.R.	P	6-2	207	So.	Seymour, IN
74 Elisara, Pita	T	6-3	287	Sr.	Oceanside, CA
13 Enright, Kyle	FB	6-0	234	So.	Indianapolis, IN
56 Fiegle, David	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	Munster, IN
24 Floyd, Marcus	TB	5-9	191	Jr.	Bartow, FL
31 Franklin, Frankie	TB	5-10	211	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
67 Frink, Jamil	DT	6-4	255	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
53 Frost, Colin	LS	6-0	239	So.	Indianapolis, IN
2 Gaddis, Versie	WR	5-10	178	Jr.	Atlanta, GA
58 Gecina, Brad	LB	6-2	231	Sr.	Columbiana, OH
51 Goodman, Joslin	LB	6-4	233	Jr.	Osceola, IN
19 Graham, Derin	WR	5-10	177	So.	Indianapolis, IN
75 Gregory, Damian	DT	6-3	306	Sr.	Lansing, MI
48 Hagan, Drew	P	5-10	181	Sr.	Amory, MS
17 Hamdan, Gibran	QB	6-5	229	Fr.	N.Potomac, MD
7 Hanford, Earl	QB	6-2	215	Jr.	Martinsville, IN
26 Hogan, DeWayne	FB	6-0	233	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN

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41 Jensen, Greg	DB	5-8	182	So.	Huntington, IN
33 Johnson, Glynn	RB	5-8	203	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
14 Jones, Tommy	QB	6-4	234	Fr.	Eaton, OH
34 Kaiser, Andrew	FB	6-1	230	So.	St. Louis, MO
47 Kraft, Patrick	LB	5-11	223	Sr.	Libertyville, IL
16 Kramer, Terry	WR	6-3	207	Sr.	Tell City, IN
18 Lamar, James	LB	6-0	229	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
35 Lidy, Vince	LB	6-0	239	Sr.	Newburgh, IN
54 Mallory, Patrick	C	6-3	283	Jr.	Greenfield, IN
73 Mandina, Paul	DT	6-4	284	Jr.	Rochester, NY
38 McGrath, Mike	FS	6-0	206	Sr.	Downers Grove, IL
57 McWilliams, Jason	LB	6-1	200	Fr.	Detroit, MI
77 Miller, Chad	C	6-3	271	Sr.	Lima, OH
36 Moat, Shane	LB	5-11	231	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
23 Moffatt, Kyle	SS	5-10	201	So.	Indianapolis, IN
62 Myler, A.C.	DT	6-4	334	Fr.	Detroit, MI
95 Nelson, Sean	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Kettering, OH
83 Ogunleye, Adewale	DE	6-4	267	Sr.	Staten Island, NY
59 Oseff, Garon	T	6-7	296	So.	W.Bloomfield, MI
89 Osika, Craig	TE	6-3	264	So.	Hobart, IN
30 Payne, Andy	K	5-10	190	Jr.	Fishers, IN
11 Randle El, Antwaan	QB	5-10	181	So.	Riverdale, IL
10 Randle El, Curtis	DB	5-10	190	Sr.	Riverdale, IL
92 Rasmussen, Kemp	DE	6-3	256	So.	Hadley, MI
50 Rinnert, Travis	LB	6-2	226	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
78 Robeen, Craig	T	6-6	302	Sr.	Hardin, IL
52 Robinson, Jeff	LB	6-3	222	So.	Lafayette, IN
34 Rodgers, Brandon	FS	6-3	218	So.	Cincinnati, OH
28 Salla, Kevin	FS	5-11	197	Fr.	Plymouth, MI
8 Schaffer, Devin	LB	6-1	237	So.	Indianapolis, IN
25 Sellers, Casey	FB	6-3	243	So.	Evansville, IN
6 Shaw, Patrick	S	5-11	195	Sr.	Fl. Lauderdale, FL
27 Smith, Justin	LB	6-0	215	So.	Indianapolis, IN
65 Snyder, Matt	G	6-3	286	Sr.	Hartland, WI
28 Spear, Jason	FB	5-11	242	Sr.	Logansport, IN
9 Spencer, O.J.	DB	5-11	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL
69 Taylor, Brett	T	6-8	298	Fr.	Troy, MI
83 Timberlake, Jason	DL	6-1	246	Fr.	Corydon, IN
21 Tucker, Maurice	CB	5-11	190	So.	Bartow, FL
22 Wallace, Sharrod	DB	5-8	181	So.	Harrisburg, PA
5 Williams, Levron	WR	6-3	211	So.	Evansville, IN
20 Yeldell, Greg	SS	6-0	192	So.	E.Spencer, NC

1999 Signees

Name **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Johnny Anderson DB 5-11 205 Ft. Pierce, FL
 City College of San Francisco's (Calif.) MVP. Earned Player of the Year honors in conference play in 1998.

James Atkins DL 6-6 300 Yonkers, NY
 Started 22 consecutive junior college games. Ranked the 14th best player in the nation by USA Today as a senior in high school.

Robert Brown LB 6-2 215 Ft. Wayne, IN
 A Top 50 player in the Midwest region according to the Detroit Free Press. Runs a 4.7 in the 40.

A.C. Carter RB 5-9 180 Cincinnati, OH
 Rushed 77 times for 580 yds. and three TDs last year. Has run a 10.6 in the 100 meters.

Colin Christopher LB 6-1 260 Grand Rapids, MI
 A two-time All-Grand Rapids selection by the Grand Rapids Press. Notched 153 tackles in 1998.

Terrance Dawson DL 6-4 280 Warren, OH
 Played defensive end and tackle as a senior, totaling 48 tackles and four sacks. All-Northeast Ohio pick.

Kris Diehlman LB 6-4 240 Troy, OH
 As a senior, recorded 120 tackles and seven sacks. Earned second-team all-state honors.

Jerry Dorsey WR 6-0 175 Hopkinsville, KY
 Ranked by SuperPrep as a Top 10 juco wide receiver last year at City College of San Francisco (Calif.).

James Evans OL 6-4 295 Teaneck, NJ
 Preseason All-America by JC Gridwire entering his sophomore year at Nassau (NY) CC.

Scott Genord LB 6-2 225 Redford, MI
 Notched 89 tackles in 1998. Picked the state's 18th best player by the Detroit Free Press.

Ken Gipson TE 6-7 240 Detroit, MI
 First-team all-state. Caught 27 passes for 475 yds. and six TDs.

Joe Gonzalez DB 5-11 180 Avon Lake, OH
 As a senior, totaled 100 tackles and four INTs. Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Graduated with a 3.85 GPA.

Michael Hanley DB 6-1 170 Owensboro, KY
 Finished his career with 5,012 rushing yds. and 61 TDs. A second-team all-state pick on defense.

Glenn Johnson WR 6-0 180 Clewiston, FL
 Caught 30 passes for 550 yds. and seven TDs as a senior. Has a vertical leap of 35 inches.

Jeremi Johnson RB 5-11 295 Louisville, KY
 Selected one of the Top 7 fullbacks in the nation by TNRA. Tallied 1,517 yds. and 17 TDs in 1998.

Brian Lewis RB 5-10 200 St. Louis, MO
 Named a national Top 100 player by Tom Lemming. Compiled 5,646 career all-purpose yards.

Sherrod Moore DB 6-1 200 Belle Glade, FL
 A two-year starter at Long Beach (Calif.) CC. Tallied 48 tackles and four INTs last year.

Darvin Nunn LB 6-2 210 Detroit, MI
 All-Midwest by PrepStar. High school teammate of fellow IU recruits Kenneth Gipson and Clarence Young.

Anthony Oakley OL 6-4 285 Houston, TX
 Earned all-district honors at offensive tackle as a junior and senior. Averaged eight pancakes per game.

Sione Ohaufi DL 6-4 290 Channelview, TX
 Selected as a second-team all-state guard in Class 4A. Tallied 52 tackles last year.

L.J. Parker WR 6-2 215 Grand Rapids, MI
 Played half the season at quarterback but caught 10 passes for 233 yds. at receiver. Runs a 4.5 in the 40.

Jade Pruitt DB 6-1 175 Dayton, OH
 Pruitt earned first-team All-Dayton honors three times. Tallied 57 tackles and seven INTs in 1998.

Dominique Smith DL 6-4 290 Columbia, SC
 Earned second-team All-Kansas Junior College honors at Coffeyville (KS) CC.

Duane Stone RB/DB 5-10 170 Evanston, IL
 The Central Suburban League Offensive Player of the Year. Rushed for 1,609 yds. and 26 TDs last year.

Clarence Young DB 6-1 190 Detroit, MI
 Earned all-state honors at cornerback after tallying five INTs, two of which were returned for touchdowns.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (9)

WR 4 O.J. Conner (Jr.)	5 Levron Williams (So.)
LT 74 Pita Elisara (Sr.)	79 Doug Baumgarten (Sr.)
LG 65 Matt Snyder (Sr.)	70 Enoch DeMar (Fr.)
C 77 Chad Miller (Sr.)	James Evans (Jr.)
RG 66 James Broyles (Jr.)	76 Nate DeArmond (So.)
RT 78 Craig Robeen (Sr.)	64 Nick Abruzzo (Jr.)
TE 89 Craig Osika (So.)	81 Bobby Brandt (Fr.)
QB 11 Antwaan Randle El (So.)	14 Tommy Jones (Fr.)
FB 28 Jason Spear (Sr.)	26 DeWayne Hogan (Jr.)
TB 31 Frankie Franklin (Sr.)	24 Marcus Floyd (Jr.)
WR 23 Tyrone Browning (Jr.)	2 Versie Gaddis (Jr.)

DEFENSE (8)

LE 93 Adewale Ogunleye (Sr.)	95 Sean Nelson (Fr.)
LT 68 Jason Czap (Sr.)	97 Gordon Bramel (Jr.)
RT 73 Paul Mandina (Jr.)	62 A.C. Myler (Fr.)
RE 92 Kemp Rasmussen (So.)	72 Derek Barnett (Fr.)
LB 8 Devin Schaffer (So.)	47 Pat Kraft (Sr.)
LB 27 Justin Smith (So.)	58 Brad Gecina (Sr.)
LB 94 Tony Brown (Jr.)	51 Joslin Goodman (Jr.)
LC 10 Curtis Randle El (Sr.)	22 Sharrod Wallace (So.)
RC 9 O.J. Spencer (Jr.)	21 Maurice Tucker (So.)
SS 20 Greg Yeldell (So.)	34 Brandon Rodgers (So.)
FS 38 Mike McGrath (Sr.)	10 Curtis Randle El (Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	30	Andy Payne (Jr.)
P	48	Drew Hagan (Sr.)
KR	19	Derin Graham (So.)
PR	19	Derin Graham (So.)
Indiana no longer publishes letters received		

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters
 Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Antwaan Randle El, 127-273-1,745-11, 6 TDs
Rushing: Antwaan Randle El, 227 car., 873 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Tyrone Browning, 47 rec., 764 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Antwaan Randle El, 11 TDs, 66 points
Punting: Drew Hagan, 61 punts, 36.2 avg.
Kicking: Andy Payne, 10-12 FGs, 27-29 XP
Tackles: Mike McGrath, 80, 54 solo
Sacks: Adewale Ogunleye, 8
Interceptions: Greg Yeldell, 5 for 23 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Ball State
Sept. 11	North Carolina
Sept. 18	Kentucky
Sept. 25	at Penn State
Oct. 2	Illinois
Oct. 9	Northwestern
Oct. 16	at Wisconsin
Oct. 23	at Iowa
Oct. 30	Michigan
Nov. 13	at Minnesota
Nov. 20	Purdue

Rising Star

Expect Jerry Dorsey, a junior-college transfer, to make an immediate impact at receiver even though he could not participate in spring drills. He ranked second nationally among junior college receivers with 83 catches for 1,345 yards and 16 touchdowns.

It's 1979 all over again for the Iowa Hawkeyes. There's a new coach. Nebraska is back on the schedule. And the Hawkeyes are again trying to bounce back from an embarrassing year that left the program at a crossroads.

Hayden Fry rode in from Texas to raise Iowa from the dregs of the Big Ten in '79, taking the Hawkeyes to 14 bowl games, including three Rose Bowls ('82, '86 and '91). Last year, though, was a complete meltdown. Iowa was pummeled by rivals Iowa State and Minnesota. The Hawkeyes used 22 first-time starters in a 3-8 season (2-6 Big Ten), Fry's worst since his inaugural campaign. He retired at season's end.

Now, Iowa starts all over again. Enter Kirk Fer-



Matt Bowen

entz, offensive line coach under Fry from 1981-1989, the Hawks' glory years, to pick up the pieces. "Hayden Fry is Iowa football," Ferentz says. "I'm going to follow Hayden Fry. I won't even try to replace him."

Iowa returns 10 starters, a mixed blessing on a team that took so many lumps last year. The buzz during spring ball was that Ferentz was working on a new-fangled West Coast offense to ease pressure on the offensive line. They had better learn quickly. The Cornhuskers come to town for the season opener on Sept. 4.

quarterbacks

All three of Iowa's returning quarterbacks started at least a game, and all missed significant time with injuries. Senior Randy Reiners was sidetracked by a death in the family and never picked up on the potential he showed at the end of 1997. Reiners, Iowa's most mobile quarterback when healthy, started only four games. His status depends on how quickly he recovers from April knee surgery.

Sophomore Kyle McCann, who started five games, is the more likely option. A tall and slender dropback type, McCann has a better arm than Reiners but was rendered ineffective when Iowa's protection broke down, which was often.

running backs

Iowa's running game went from first to worst in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes' offensive line problems were most apparent on the ground. Iowa averaged just 80.9 rushing yards per game and scored just nine touchdowns. Sophomore Ladell Betts (204 pounds) is beefy enough to handle a bigger workload and has the hands (20 catches for 259 yards) to be effective as a short receiver. The Hawkeyes can change pace with sophomore Robbie Crockett, a slasher with break-away potential (8.1 yards per carry). Redshirt freshman Siaka Massaquoi pushed his way into the mix during spring ball.

Rob Thein will start the season lining up in front of Betts at fullback, although the senior is more of a second tailback.

receivers

Kahlil Hill was alternately fabulous and frustrating. The 6'3" sophomore had a redshirt freshman season marked with stunning, athletic highlights and some egregious freshman errors — and in one daring punt return against Michigan, both on the same play. Hill could double last year's totals of 35 catches for 432 yards.

The rest of Iowa's receiving corps is full of complementary players, but no studs. Senior Bashir Yamini will get the first look to start opposite Hill. Sophomore Chris Oliver, a pure wideout who scored two touchdowns on just three receptions, should push Yamini. Junior Kevin Kasper is becoming a fan favorite and will see plenty of action.

Senior tight ends Zeron Flemister and Austin Wheatley are both big targets (6'5") and solid options on short routes.

offensive linemen

Ferentz has a reputation of building great front lines, but he's got work to do. Iowa gave up 52 sacks last year and was last in the Big Ten in total offense.

The Hawkeyes have four redshirt freshmen and sophomores listed in this year's two-deep. The only returnee who started all 11 games is junior Ben Sobieski at left tackle, and he looks doubtful to play as he recovers from a serious shoulder injury. If he's not ready, David Porter or Andy Lightfoot will get first crack. Sophomore Alonzo Cunningham, who started six games, has the inside track on the other tackle slot. Senior Chad Deal has been moved from guard to center. The rest of the lot is even less proven. Senior guard Matt Rogers started four games at right guard but was moved to left tackle in the spring, leaving a green pairing of Bruce Nelson

David Preston

Steve Woltmann



Ladell Betts



Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 4 — Nebraska

When this one was scheduled, it looked like one last chance to catch two of the Midwest's coaching icons, Tom Osborne and Hayden Fry, pitted against one another. Now it just looks ugly.

Sept. 11 — at Iowa State

After the waxing the Cyclones laid on Iowa last fall, you better believe it's a grudge match.

with Bowen, but will be pushed by Jeff Buch and Shane Hall.

At cornerback, senior Tarig Holman holds down one slot after three interceptions and 10 passes broken up last year; sophomore D.J. Johnson impressed in spot appearances, but Joe Slattery is the starter at the other slot.

specialists

Senior Tim Douglas solved Iowa's long-range problem last year with three field goals longer than 50 yards, including a 58-yarder. Douglas was 3-of-4 from between 40 and 49 yards, but 0-of-2 from 30-39 yards. Junior punter Jason Baker got a lot of work last year (76 punts) and could be in for more of the same. He averaged 39.8 yards per boot.

Iowa's return game shone last year, even without All-American Tim Dwight. Hill was fearless and fast as a rookie returner last year, ranking 17th nationally in kick returns (25.8 yard average) and averaging more than 17 yards per punt return. He ran two punts and one kickoff back for scores.

Aaron Kampman

and Kyle Trippeer. The left side is going to be contested by seniors Jay Bickford and Glen Giesen. Juco transfer A.J. Blazek should see time somewhere on experience alone.

defensive linemen

Gone are tackle Jared DeVries (19 tackles for loss, 10 sacks), end Jeff Kramer and nose guard Aron Klein. Even with DeVries, Iowa gave up 187 rushing yards per game.

The front line is going to be able to focus primarily on stopping the run as the Hawkeyes are switching from a 5-2 base to a 4-3. Senior end Ed Saidat can handle the load (11 tackles for loss, five sacks); junior Skip Miller, sophomore Jerry Montgomery and senior Corey Brown will split time at the two tackle slots.

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Iowa's yards per rush last year. Weigh in all those quarterback sacks, throw in a pitiful running game and it adds up to the same thing — this offensive line has nowhere to go but up.

Left end Anthony Herron, a sophomore, is the only down lineman on the two-deep to start every game last year. Iowa is going to need Herron to continue to develop as a pass rusher after he notched only two sacks last year.

linebackers

Sophomore Aaron Kampman is the Hawkeyes' defensive star-in-the-making, a hulking ballhound (6'4", 245) and a strong pass-rusher (six sacks). One of the best prep linebackers ever to come out of Iowa, Kampman made up for assignment errors with tenacity. Sophomore Roger Meyer, Kampman's backup, is another young buck to build around.

Travis Senters or Derrick Davison should start at the weak linebacker slot that opened up after Raj Clark transferred. Up-and-coming LeVar Woods should start at the strong side as Vernon Rollins, who missed all of 1998 with a knee injury, might be done.

defensive backs

Ferentz has to patch holes all over an abused backfield. Iowa needs to find another safety to go with physical senior strong safety Matt Bowen, who led the team in tackles last year (92) and had two interceptions. One option is Doug Miller, who was moved from fullback in the spring and fared well. Matt Stockdale is the favorite to start

Outside the Huddle

Saving the day During December, Ferentz had to rely on members of the departed coaching staff to help keep the recruiting class intact while he finished up the season in Baltimore. Of the 21 signees, five are offensive linemen; four are linebackers, and three are defensive backs, the team's three most pressing areas of need. Only five recruits are Iowa natives.

Freaky Fry-Days Despite Fry's reputation as an offensive innovator, the Hawkeyes were held to 14 points or less in eight games and a touchdown or less in six games.

Professional help Ferentz has been out of the college game a while, but he thinks his experience as an NFL assistant helped fine-tune his technical approach to the game. "One thing about pro football is that it's a great opportunity to learn technical football," he says. "Every day is a constant learning process and you are completely entrenched in what it is you're doing in terms of football. In recruiting, there might be some advantages and that is something we are going to sell."

Fry ties Ferentz and three of his assistants have ties to Fry. Quarterbacks/receivers coach Chuck Long was a star quarterback in the mid-'80s; interior linebackers coach Bret Bielema was a defensive lineman on Iowa's last Rose Bowl team; and new running backs coach Carl Jackson was on Fry's staff from 1979-91.

1999 Iowa Roster

1998 Record: 3-8
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Kirk Ferentz

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
47	Allen, Jeremy	FB	6-1	235	So.	Indianapolis, IN
7	Baker, Jason	P/K	6-1	195	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
88	Barton, Ryan	WR	6-1	184	Jr.	Newton, IA
26	Bergstrom, Peter	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	Seneca, IL
66	Bern, Cory	DL	6-3	311	Jr.	Spencer, IA
46	Betts, Ladell	RB	5-11	204	So.	Blue Springs, MO
63	Bickford, Jay	OL	6-4	285	Sr.	Hyde Park, NY
3	Bogan, A.J.	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Flint, MI
4	Boleyn, Scott	DB	5-11	185	Fr.	Dubuque, IA
9	Bowen, Matt	DB	6-3	196	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, IL
96	Brown, Corey	DL	6-2	286	Sr.	Houston, TX
25	Brown, Darius	DL	5-9	175	Fr.	Altadena, CA
8	Brown, Mikkel	DB	5-10	187	So.	Glen Rock, NJ
26	Buch, Jeff	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Keystone, IA
66	Chinander, Erik	OL	6-0	295	Fr.	Allison, IA
49	Clark, Dallas	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Livermore, IA
44	Clark, Raj	LB	6-2	245	Sr.	Baytown, TX
15	Crockett, Robbie	RB	6-0	202	So.	Battle Creek, MI
74	Cunningham, Alonzo	OL	6-4	290	So.	Iowa City, IA
67	Deal, Chad	C	6-4	285	Sr.	Council Bluffs, IA
92	DeVries, Dusty	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Aplington, IA
39	Dolezal, Mike	LB	6-3	230	So.	Mantomedi, MN
17	Douglas, Tim	K	5-11	195	Sr.	Plano, TX
82	Dull, Jed	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	LeMars, IA
80	Flemister, Zeron	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Sioux City, IA
37	Gately, John	FB	5-9	200	Fr.	Rosenberg, TX
78	Giesen, Glen	OL	6-6	312	Sr.	Fullerton, CA
10	Hall, Shane	DB	6-0	195	So.	Burnsville, MN
14	Hansen, Ryan	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
99	Herron, Anthony	DE	6-5	270	Jr.	Rowley, IA
3	Hill, Kahlil	WR	6-3	185	So.	Iowa City, IA
2	Holman, Tarig	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Randolph, NJ
61	Hoveland, Jason	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Fullerton, CA
19	Johnson, D.J.	DB	5-11	180	So.	Naperville, IL
54	Kampman, Aaron	LB	6-4	245	So.	Kesley, IA
87	Kasper, Kevin	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Burr Ridge, IL
9	Kopriva, Jim	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Edina, MN
55	Kramer, John	OL	6-6	265	Fr.	Grundy Center, IA
70	Lightfoot, Andy	OL	6-7	275	Fr.	Des Moines, IA
48	Loftin, Ryan	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Waukee, IA
32	Massaquoi, Siaka	RB	5-11	185	Fr.	Evanston, IL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
4	McCann, Kyle	QB	6-5	190	So.	Creston, IA
59	McCormick, Ryan	DS	6-3	245	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
30	Meyer, Roger	LB	6-3	250	So.	Rock Rapids, IA
29	Miller, Doug	DB	5-11	203	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
93	Miller, Skip	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	Lawton, IA
91	Montgomery, Jerry	DL	6-3	290	So.	Mesquite, NV
18	Mullen, Scott	QB	6-6	210	Jr.	Lansing, IL
59	Narmi, Charlie	LB	6-4	220	Fr.	Council Bluffs, IA
92	Nelson, Bruce	TE	6-5	210	Fr.	Emmetsburg, IA
36	O'Hare, Cody	DE	6-4	240	So.	Waverly, IA
6	Oliver, Chris	WR	6-2	194	So.	Flossmoor, IL
23	Omotola, Jon	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	Flossmoor, IL
5	Pagel, Derek	DB	6-2	185	Fr.	Plainfield, IA
42	Peterson, Tariq	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Kempner, TX
39	Pettion, Jon	FB	6-3	225	Fr.	Winthrop, IA
50	Pospisil, Scott	DL	6-4	260	Sr.	Mt. Vernon, IA
73	Porter, David	OL	6-7	290	So.	Belleville, IL
13	Reiners, Randy	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Ft. Dodge, IA
71	Rogers, Matt	OL	6-4	275	Sr.	Glendora, CA
56	Rollins, Vernon	LB	6-3	242	Sr.	Hackensack, NJ
98	Saidat, Ed	DL	6-7	271	Sr.	Alsip, IL
21	Schmitz, Matt	RB	5-11	180	Fr.	Wall Lake, IA
51	Senters, Travis	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Iowa Falls, IA
61	Sheldon, Thad	DL	6-2	265	Sr.	Mason City, IA
11	Slattery, Joe	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	Pocahontas, IA
65	Sobieski, Ben	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Mahtomedi, MN
89	Steinbach, Eric	TE	6-7	235	Fr.	New Lenox, IL
21	Stockdale, Matt	DB	5-11	186	So.	Iowa Falls, IA
17	Tharp, Virgil	LB	5-10	200	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
31	Thein, Rob	RB	6-0	230	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
25	Tolbert, Nick	WR	5-9	150	Fr.	Naperville, IL
56	Traynor, Pete	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	Milton, WI
83	Trippier, Kyle	TE	6-5	260	Jr.	Las Cruces, NM
76	Van Briesen, B.J.	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	George, IA
68	Walters, David	OL	6-3	275	Fr.	Marlton, NJ
86	Wheatley, Austin	TE/P	6-5	250	Sr.	Milan, IL
12	Whisler, Nick	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
22	Williams, Dan	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Midlothian, VA
41	Wilson, Vincent	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Piscataway, NJ
97	Woods, LeVar	LB	6-3	250	Jr.	Inwood, IA
5	Yamini, Bashir	WR	6-4	190	Sr.	Dolton, IL

1999 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Sam Aiello OL 6-7 290 Streamwood, IL
Earned all-state honors. Helped team average 380 yds. total offense per game.

Fred Barr LB 6-2 225 Plantation, FL
Defensive Player of the Year in Broward County as a senior. Career totals include 351 tackles.

Jon Beutjer QB 6-5 185 Wheaton, IL
Illinois Player of the Year by USA Today. First-team all-state. Set state record passing for 60 TDs in 1998.

A.J. Blazek OL 6-2 280 Wichita, KS
Named third-team All-American by JC Gridwire at Butler County (KS) College.

Kory Borchers DL 6-6 260 LeMars, IA
Earned Class 3A first-team all-state honors. Career totals of 209 tackles and 13 sacks.

Maurice Brown WR 6-2 190 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Honorable mention all-state. Had 36 rec. for 584 yds. and seven TDs as a senior.

Edgar Cervantes LB 6-3 235 Maywood, CA
Earned first-team all-city honors in Los Angeles. Recorded 60 solo tackles and five INTs in 1998.

Jared Clauss DL 6-5 260 W. Des Moines, IA
First-team all-state. Named SuperPrep All-American. First-team all-conference as a junior and senior.

Colin Cole DL 6-2 275 Plantation, FL
Named second-team all-state. Selected for the Dade County All-Star Game.

Derrick Davison LB 6-2 235 Cincinnati, OH
Earned all-region honors as a sophomore at North Dakota State College of Science JC.

Adam Densmore OL 6-4 260 Boulder, CO
All-state selection. Named a Top 200 recruit by Tom Lemming. Recorded 20 pancake blocks in 1998.

Robert Gallery TE 6-7 240 Masonville, IA
All-state first-team selection. Career receiving totals include 33 rec. for 604 yds. and three TDs.

Aaron Greiving RB 5-11 190 Ames, IA
SuperPrep All-American. Selected Iowa Player of the Year by prep football coaches.

Jory Helms LB 6-2 220 Chicago, IL
Earned all-area honors. Recorded 122 tackles and eight sacks as a senior.

Howard Hodges LB 6-2 210 Copperas Cove, TX
Honorable mention all-state selection. Had 85 tackles and nine sacks in 1998.

Erik Jensen FB 6-3 242 Appleton, WI
SuperPrep and PrepStar All-American. Finished career with 455 car. for 2,808 yds. and 44 TDs.

Ramon Ochoa WR 5-10 185 Maywood, CA
Conference Athlete of the Year as a senior. Played quarterback, receiver and running back in 1998.

Nick Rahfaldt OL 6-3 255 Ames, IA
Earned PrepStar all-region honors. An all-state selection. Finished with 54 pancake blocks last season.

Eric Rothwell OL 6-4 285 McFarland, WI
Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior. State finalist as a heavyweight wrestler.

Cameron Smith DB 6-1 190 Chino Hills, CA
Led Mt. San Antonio (CA) College with six INTs in 1998. Helped team to the juco national title in 1997.

Chris Smith DB 6-0 190 Paris, TX
Earned all-state honors. Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Played quarterback most of his prep career.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (5)

SE 5	Bashir Yamini (Sr., 1)	6	Chris Oliver (So., 1)
LT 74	Alonzo Cunningham (So., 1)	71	Matt Rogers (Sr., 1)
LG 63	Jay Bickford (Sr., 1)	78	Glen Giesen (Sr., 0)
C 67	Chad Deal (Sr., 2)	52	A.J. Blazek (Jr., 0)
RG 92	Bruce Nelson (Fr., 0)	83	Kyle Trippier (Jr., 1)
RT 73	David Porter (So., 0)	70	Andy Lightfoot (Fr., 0)
TE 80	Zeron Flemister (Sr., 1)	86	Austin Wheatley (Sr., 2)
QB 13	Randy Reiners (Sr., 2)	4	Kyle McCann (So., 1)
RB 46	Ladell Betts (So., 1)	15	Robbie Crockett (So., 1)
FB 31	Rob Thein (Sr., 3)	47	Jeremy Allen (So., 1)
FL 3	Kahlil Hill (So., 1)	87	Kevin Kasper (Jr., 1)

DEFENSE (5)

DE 99	Anthony Herron (Jr., 2)	36	Cody O'Hare (So., 1)
DT 91	Jerry Montgomery (So., 1)	93	Skip Miller (Jr., 1)
DT 96	Corey Brown (Sr., 3)	66	Cory Bern (Jr., 0)
DE 98	Ed Saidat (Sr., 1)	50	Scott Pospisil (Sr., 0)
LB 97	LeVar Woods (Jr., 1)	23	Jon Omotola (Fr., 0)
LB 37	Derrick Davison (Jr., 0)	51	Travis Senters (Sr., 2)
LB 54	Aaron Kampman (So., 1)	30	Roger Meyer (So., 1)
CB 11	Joe Slattery (Sr., 1)	19	D.J. Johnson (So., 1)
CB 2	Tarig Holman (Sr., 2)	8	Mikkel Brown (So., 0)
SS 9	Matt Bowen (Sr., 2)	5	Derek Pagel (Fr., 0)
FS 21	Matt Stockdale (So., 1)	10	Shane Hall (So., 1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 17	Tim Douglas (Sr., 1)
P 7	Jason Baker (Jr., 2)
KR 3	Kahlil Hill (So., 1)
PR 3	Kahlil Hill (So., 1)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle McCann, 86-159-1,179-5, 2 TDs
Rushing: Ladell Betts, 188 car., 679 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Kahlil Hill, 35 rec., 432 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Kahlil Hill and Ladell Betts, 30 points
Punting: Jason Baker, 76 punts, 39.8 avg.
Kicking: Tim Douglas, 6-11 FGs
Tackles: Matt Bowen, 92, 54 solo
Sacks: Aaron Kampman, 6
Interceptions: Tarig Holman, 3 for 0 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Nebraska
Sept. 11	at Iowa State
Sept. 18	Northern Illinois
Oct. 2	at Michigan State
Oct. 9	Penn State
Oct. 16	at Northwestern
Oct. 23	Indiana
Oct. 30	at Ohio State
Nov. 6	Illinois
Nov. 13	at Wisconsin
Nov. 20	Minnesota

Rising Star

Fry's Texas charm was a big reason Siaka Massaquoi, a top Chicago prospect, chose Iowa, so he's going to have to adjust to the new staff. A good look during spring ball should help. The 5'11", 180-pound back could push sophomore Ladell Betts.

Not this again. The schedule that doubles as a mountain. It was the mountain of a schedule in 1997 that did so much for the Michigan Wolverines as they marched to a share of the national championship.

Coach Lloyd Carr, entering his fifth season, believes his 1999 team faces an even bigger climb with six opponents who were ranked at the end of last season. After opening against Notre Dame, two weeks later there are difficult, back-to-back road games with Syracuse and Wisconsin. And that's just the first month. Penn State and Ohio State lurk in November.

"There's nobody playing a tougher schedule,"



Steve Hutchinson

Carr says. "It's as challenging as you'd ever want it, and that's always the way we've played."

The Wolverines learned last year the dangers of resting on previous successes. The national-title euphoria lingered last September, and they promptly lost their first two games. Michigan managed to rebound, finished 10-3 and earned a share of the Big Ten title. Michigan players were ecstatic after a comeback victory over Arkansas in the Citrus Bowl.

Carr is hopeful his players have learned how to temper their own expectations and not worry about those of their fans.

"I don't doubt expectations will be high," Carr says. "We have to fight complacency. The thing about the Big Ten is, you better be ready to play."

quarterbacks

Senior Tom Brady was the starter all last season and proved his worth, leading the Wolverines from the depths of that 0-2 start to a share of the conference title. From that journey, he gained valuable

experience and flexed his muscles as a proven leader and solid decision-maker with an equally strong arm.

Brady's backup — and undoubtedly a factor this year — is sophomore Drew Henson, who in his other life plays baseball in the New York Yankees' minor league system and pocketed a \$2 million signing bonus. Baseball aside, Henson wants to be the starting quarterback for Michigan this season. He is an immense talent, and coaches say he has made great strides.

Carr won't reveal his decision until the season starts. And for a change, he hasn't bristled at the suggestion of a platoon system. He also reminds everyone that junior Jason Kapsner is also in the mix.

One thing he's not worried about is speculation from outsiders. "I don't care about anybody else's perspective on our quarterbacks outside of our coaches," Carr says.

running backs

Depth could be an issue, with sophomore Justin Fargas out for the season while he recovers from a second surgery to repair broken bones in his right leg.

The starting job belongs to junior Anthony Thomas, who led the team with 763 yards and 12 touchdowns last season in a year that witnessed a lackluster rushing performance for the team as a whole. Injuries and lack of depth contributed to the Wolverines' 151.3 average rushing yards, their lowest output in 35 years.

Thomas finally got healthy by the end of the year and had three 100-yard performances the final four games. Sophomore Walter Cross, who saw limited playing time last season, will also be a factor, and Carr will have to tap into his freshmen.

Senior Aaron Shea returns for his second year at fullback, and Carr promises he will be more of a factor in the passing game.

receivers

Tai Streets is gone to the NFL, but this position could prove to be a strength.

Returning are Marcus Knight and DiAllo Johnson, a one-time quarterback and defensive back who became the Wolverines' clutch third-and-long, go-to receiver. Sophomores Marquise Walker and Dave Terrell, the top two receivers coming out of high school a year ago, got valuable experience and will be integral parts of the offense.

offensive linemen

Right tackle Jon Jansen, the two-year captain who started a record 50 games, is gone, but there are several potential replacements. One is Chris Ziemann, a former starter who can play either guard or tackle and has fully recovered from a broken leg. Steve Frazier started the final six games of last season at right



Anthony Thomas



Tommy Hendricks

guard, although he may be supplanted by junior Maurice Williams. The rest of the line — David Brandt at center, Steve Hutchinson at left guard and Jeff Backus at left tackle — is seasoned and returns intact.

Backus has 24 starts at his position, and Hutchinson, a former defensive lineman, has 22. The line has work to do; it was heavily penalized and responsible, in part, for the early difficulties with the running game.

151.3

The Wolverines' average rushing yards per game in '98, the fewest since 1963.

defensive linemen

Tackle Josh Williams and nose tackle Rob Renes, who spent most of last season double-teamed, are back to anchor a line that lost only end Jaquinn Feazell. To beef up the line, Carr moved 6'2", 245-pound Demetrius Smith from fullback in the spring. Grady Brooks has been moved from rush end to outside linebacker, leaving a vacancy that likely will be filled by Jake Frysinger. James Hall, who led the team in sacks, is the other end.

linebackers

Inside linebacker Sam Sword, who led the team with 112 tackles last season, is no longer a Wolverine, and he will be replaced by

Dhani Jones. Jones started two years ago inside, then moved outside last season, so he'll be back where he belongs. He'll be flanked by Anthony Jordan and returning starter Ian Gold, with Brooks providing support. All these players are active and should make the linebackers the strength of the defense — again.

defensive backs

This is the area that most concerns Carr. Sure, senior Tommy Hendricks, who tied for second on the team last season with 60 tackles, is back at free safety; junior DeWayne Patmon, who had a team-high four interceptions, is back at strong safety; and junior James Whitley is at cornerback again. But the secondary lost a key player in William Peterson, who was kicked off the team for off-field problems, and that leaves depth issues. Safety Cato June and cornerback Julius Curry, who came to Michigan as a running back, are coming off redshirt years, and Carr expects them to play considerably. Look for freshmen to make major contributions.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 4 — Notre Dame

The Wolverines want to avenge last year's embarrassing opening-game loss.

Sept 18 — at Syracuse

Michigan hasn't played at Syracuse since 1914 and would like some pay-back for last year's loss in the Big House.

Oct. 9 — at Michigan State

Michigan has won three straight against its hated rivals but has lost two of the last three at MSU.

Nov. 20 — Ohio State

The Wolverines had their Rose Bowl plans last season interrupted by the Buckeyes for a change. But this year, home will be on Michigan's side. Ohio State has not won in Michigan Stadium since 1987.

specialists

Sophomore kicker Hayden Epstein likely will handle all of the kicking chores. He inherited the punting job the last two games of his freshman season and spent the entire year booming kickoffs. Rumor has it he has kicked 60-yard field goals in practice.

The return game had several low points last season, including a three-game stretch that featured mishandled returns. Several players have been getting looks as returners, particularly Whitley, Terrell and Knight. Fargas was the main kickoff returner and Thomas also fielded kickoffs, but with Fargas out, look for Terrell to get a shot.

Outside the Huddle

'90s dominance Michigan prides itself on a storied tradition that includes 101 winning seasons in 119 years. The 1990s have been good to the Wolverines, who have an 83-24-3 record heading into the final season before the millennium.

Mistakes, mistakes, mistakes Lloyd Carr likes to have officials drop by practices, but their presence didn't seem to help last year. Cutting down on penalties will be an emphasis this season after the Wolverines posted a school-record 95 through 13 games.

Carr driven to succeed Since becoming head coach in 1995, Carr has coached in 50 games. He has an impressive 39-11 record, including a 9-1 mark against top-10 teams.

Spreading the wealth Receiver Tai Streets and tight end Jerame Tuman are gone, but the Wolverines intend to share the ball this season much as they did a year ago. A record 18 players caught a record 222 passes last season.

Fill 'er up Michigan Stadium, a.k.a. The Big House, got bigger last year and that meant another attendance record for the program. The Wolverines had 665,787 attend their six-game home schedule, which meant an NCAA record-setting average of 110,965. When 111,238 packed in to see Michigan beat Michigan State, that set a single-game record that topped Tennessee's mark of 107,608 set in 1996.

1999 Michigan Roster

1998 Record: 10-3
Big Ten Record: 7-1

Head Coach
Lloyd Carr

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
75	Adkins, Adam	OL	6-3	280	So.	Troy, MI
37	Anderson, Kurt	DT	6-4	272	So.	Glenbrook, IL
44	Armstrong, Dave	DE	6-3	260	Fr.	Doylstown, PA
79	Backus, Jeff	OL	6-6	288	Jr.	Norcross, GA
18	Bergin, Mark	QB	6-2	196	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI
51	Brackins, Eric	ILB	6-2	229	So.	Pigeon Forge, TN
10	Brady, Tom	QB	6-5	213	Sr.	San Mateo, CA
67	Brandt, David	OL	6-4	293	Jr.	Jenison, MI
59	Brooks, Grady	RLB	6-2	250	Jr.	Dallas, TX
22	Bryant, Kevin	WR	6-0	183	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
39	Coleman, Evan	FB	6-0	258	So.	Houston, TX
8	Cross, Walter	RB	5-11	196	So.	Ft. Washington, MD
26	Curry, Julius	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Detroit, MI
63	Cwayna, P.J.	ILB	5-11	216	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
95	Del Verne, Jeff	K	5-11	210	Jr.	Sylvania, OH
73	Denay, Joe	OL	6-7	293	Fr.	Bay City, MI
89	Dubuc, Deitan	TE	6-4	224	Fr.	Fabreville, Quebec
6	Edwards, Manus	TB	5-8	174	Jr.	Henderson, NV
25	Epstein, Hayden	K/P	6-2	194	So.	Cardiff, CA
34	Fargas, Justin	RB	6-1	185	So.	Encino, CA
17	Footo, Larry	ILB	6-1	211	So.	Detroit, MI
36	Fraumann, Bob	LB	6-3	220	So.	Deerfield, IL
64	Frazier, Steve	OL	6-4	288	Sr.	Kingwood, TX
66	Frolich, Kyle	OL	6-4	299	So.	Okemos, MI
99	Frysinger, Jake	DE	6-4	272	Jr.	Grosse Ile, MI
20	Gold, Ian	ILB	6-1	213	Sr.	Belleville, MI
48	Goodwin, Jonathan	OL	6-4	290	Jr.	Columbia, SC
56	Hall, James	DE	6-3	257	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
41	Hendricks, Tommy	QB	6-2	215	Sr.	Houston, TX
7	Henson, Drew	FB	6-4	221	So.	Brighton, MI
6	Hobson, Victor	ILB	6-1	229	Fr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
3	Howard, Todd	CB	5-10	178	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
76	Hutchinson, Steve	OL	6-5	296	Jr.	Coral Springs, FL
31	Jackson, Kenneth	DB	5-10	183	Sr.	Houston, TX
9	Johnson, DiAllo	WR	6-3	193	Sr.	Detroit, MI
49	Johnson, Matt	SS	5-10	186	Sr.	New Buffalo, MI
55	Jones, Dhani	ILB	6-2	225	Sr.	Potomac, MD
4	Jones, Tommy	RB/DB	5-8	177	Jr.	Lansing, MI
83	Joppru, Bennie	TE	6-4	251	Fr.	Wayzata, MN
28	Jordan, Anthony	LB	6-0	215	So.	Jersey City, NJ
2	June, Cato	DB	6-1	201	Fr.	Washington, DC
13	Kapsner, Jason	QB	6-6	223	Jr.	Eden Prairie, MN
62	Killian, Brodie	OLB	6-3	226	So.	Dearborn, MI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
85	Knight, Marcus	WR	6-1	181	Sr.	Sylacauga, AL
2	Kornblue, Brandon	K	5-10	180	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL
95	Kratus, Patrick	DE	6-3	265	Sr.	Rocky River, OH
97	Lazarus, Shawn	RLB	6-3	227	Fr.	Canal Fulton, OH
25	Manning, Michael	CB	6-2	204	So.	Worcester, MA
72	Mast, Ben	OL	6-4	284	So.	Massillon, OH
70	Miller, Jeremy	OL/LS	6-0	234	So.	Swanton, OH
38	Mosley, Dwight	LB	6-1	219	Fr.	Fl. Wayne, MI
69	Mossa, Todd	OL	6-3	291	So.	Darien, CT
49	Moundros, Kirk	FB	6-2	210	Fr.	Farmington Hills, MI
28	Panique, Scott	FB	6-0	250	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA
8	Parini, Ryan	FS	6-2	172	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
15	Patmon, DeWayne	SS	6-0	181	Jr.	San Diego, CA
96	Petruziello, Dave	DE	6-4	267	Fr.	Mentor, OH
71	Potts, Jeff	OL	6-7	293	Sr.	Three Rivers, MI
61	Plak, Jason	DL	6-2	292	Jr.	Wyandot, MI
58	Renes, Rob	NT	6-1	288	Sr.	Holland, MI
29	Richards, Aaron	WR	5-8	170	So.	Reading, MI
89	Rose, Gary	DT	6-4	263	So.	Quinnesec, MI
40	Rosel, Eric	OLB	6-3	225	So.	Liberal, KS
92	Rumishchek, Dan	RLB	6-3	251	Fr.	Addison, IL
17	Sargent, Cory	P	6-3	187	Jr.	South Lyon, MI
42	Schanski, Tate	FS	5-11	190	Sr.	Perry, MI
46	Sechler, Andy	OLB	6-1	234	Jr.	Union City, MI
81	Seymour, Bill	TE	6-3	248	So.	Granger, IN
36	Shea, Aaron	FB	6-5	251	Sr.	Ottawa, IL
27	Smith, Demetrius	NT	6-2	245	So.	Calumet Park, IL
16	Smith, Rudy	WR	6-3	210	So.	Knoxville, TN
50	Smokewitch, Jeff	ILB	6-0	225	Sr.	Birmingham, MI
1	Terrell, Dave	WR	6-3	198	So.	Richmond, VA
32	Thomas, Anthony	RB	6-2	221	Jr.	Winnfield, LA
84	Thompson, Shawn	TE	6-4	243	So.	Saginaw, MI
19	Van Pelt, Tad	DB	5-10	179	Fr.	Owosso, MI
4	Walker, Marquise	WR	6-3	189	So.	Syracuse, NY
63	Warner, Eric	OL	6-5	275	Jr.	Brighton, MI
5	Whitley, James	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	Norfolk, VA
14	Williams, Dan	FS	6-0	185	Jr.	Temperance, MI
91	Williams, Josh	DT	6-3	279	Sr.	Houston, TX
54	Williams, Maurice	OL	6-5	283	Jr.	Detroit, MI
94	Wilson, Eric	DT	6-4	279	Jr.	Monroe, MI
68	Wood, John	OL	6-4	242	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
61	Young, Cyle	NT	6-0	264	So.	Springfield, OH
52	Ziemann, Chris	OL	6-7	288	Sr.	Aurora, IL

1999 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
B.J. Askew	LB	6-3	210	Cincinnati, OH
Although he gained over 1,000 yds. rushing last season, he's projected as a linebacker at Michigan.				
Ryan Beard	RB	5-10	205	Houston, TX
Rushed for 2,100 yds. and 27 TDs last season. Runs a 10.09 in the 100 meters.				
Ronald Bellamy	WR	6-1	180	Marrero, LA
SuperPrep National Top 50. Tallied 700 yds. and nine TDs on 32 catches despite missing three games.				
Norman Boebert	DL	6-5	250	Glendale, AZ
Tallied nine knockdowns and nine sacks as a senior. Has a 33-inch vertical leap.				
Grant Bowman	DL	6-2	270	Columbus, OH
A Michigan camper, Bowman's stock rose after a strong season last year. Runs a 4.7 in the 40.				
Phillip Brackins	LB	6-4	200	Gatlinburg, TN
Tallied 81 tackles, two INTs and six sacks last season. Will join his brother Eric on the Michigan roster.				
Greg Brooks	DB	5-10	185	Marrero, LA
Teammate of fellow Michigan recruit Ronald Bellamy. Runs a 4.5 in the 40.				
Andy Brown	OL	6-4	265	Grand Ledge, MI
Made 50 tackles and four sacks last year but is likely to play on the offensive line at Michigan.				
Tyrece Butler	WR	6-4	195	Indianapolis, IN
Runs a 4.46 in the 40. SuperPrep All-American. Averaged 18.6 yds. per catch in 1998.				
Brent Cummings	RB	5-11	185	Belding, MI
Rushed for over 1,000 yds. last season despite an injury suffered in the seventh game.				
Carl Diggs	LB	6-2	220	Warren Harding, OH
Made a comeback in 1998 after sitting out as a junior with a knee injury. Tallied seven sacks and two INTs.				
Charles Drake	RB	6-1	189	Los Angeles, CA
Rushed for 1,405 yds. and 21 TDs in 1998. Rated the 19th best prospect in the Far West by SuperPrep.				
Jeremy LeSueur	DB	6-1	185	Holly Springs, MS
USA Today second-team All-American. Had 82 tackles and one INT last year.				
Andy Mignery	QB	6-5	225	Hamilton, OH
Completed 95 of 178 passes for 1,700 yds. and 13 TDs in 1998.				
Courtney Morgan	OL	6-4	315	Los Angeles, CA
Ranked 23rd in the Far West by SuperPrep. Runs a 5.3 in the 40.				
John Navarre	QB	6-6	225	Cudahy, WI
Originally headed to Northwestern but chose Michigan when Gary Barnett left the program. An all-state selection.				
Shantee Orr	LB	6-2	230	Detroit, MI
Tallied 75 tackles and six sacks from his linebacking spot last year.				
Tony Pape	OL	6-6	290	Hinsdale, IL
USA Today first-team All-American. Times at 5.15 in the 40. One of the top recruits out of Illinois last year.				
Dave Pearson	DE	6-3	240	Brighton, MI
Brighton's leading tackler at linebacker although projected to play on the defensive line at Michigan.				
Fred Russell	ATH	5-9	185	Romulus, MI
Scored 44 TDs as a senior. Great athlete with outstanding speed. Could return kicks at Michigan.				
Jon Shaw	RB	6-0	188	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Shaw rushed for 730 yds. and 10 TDs as a senior. Rated 57th on SuperPrep's Florida Top 85.				
Demetrius Solomon	OL	6-7	280	Flint, MI
USA Today second-team All-American. Runs a 5.1 in the 40.				
John Spytek	LB	6-4	215	Waykesha, WI
Made 14 sacks in 1998. Listed the No. 21 prospect on the SuperPrep Midwest Top 125.				
Brandon Williams	DB	5-10	175	Omaha, NE
Has run a 21.9 in the 200 meters. Tallied three INTs last season.				

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (5)

SE 4 Marquise Walker (So., 1)	9 DiAllo Johnson (Sr., 2)
LT 79 Jeff Backus (Jr., 2)	72 Ben Mast (So., 0)
LG 76 Steve Hutchinson (Jr., 2)	71 Jeff Potts (Sr., 1)
C 67 David Brandt (Jr., 2)	75 Adam Adkins (So., 1)
RG 54 Maurice Williams (Jr., 2)	64 Steve Frazier (Sr., 2)
RT 52 Chris Ziemann (Sr., 3)	58 Jonathan Goodwin (Jr., 0)
TE 84 Shawn Thompson (So., 1)	83 Bennie Joppru (Fr., 0)
QB 10 Tom Brady (Sr., 2)	7 Drew Henson (So., 1)
FB 36 Aaron Shea (Sr., 3)	39 Evan Coleman (So., 1)
TB 32 Anthony Thomas (Jr., 2)	8 Walter Cross (So., 1)
FL 1 Dave Terrell (So., 1)	85 Marcus Knight (Sr., 3)

DEFENSE (8)

DE 99 Jake Frysinger (Jr., 2)	96 Dave Petruziello (Fr., 0)
NT 58 Rob Renes (Sr., 3)	27 Demetrius Smith (So., 1)
DT 91 Josh Williams (Sr., 3)	94 Eric Wilson (Jr., 2)
DE 56 James Hall (Sr., 3)	44 Dave Armstrong (Fr., 0)
LB 28 Anthony Jordan (So., 1)	40 Eric Rosel (So., 1)
LB 55 Dhani Jones (Sr., 3)	17 Larry Footo (So., 1)
LB 20 Ian Gold (Sr., 3)	59 Grady Brooks (Jr., 2)
CB 5 James Whitley (Jr., 2)	31 Kenneth Jackson (Sr., 3)
CB 3 Todd Howard (So., 1)	26 Julius Curry (Fr., 0)
SS 15 DeWayne Patmon (Jr., 2)	2 Cato June (Fr., 0)
FS 41 Tommy Hendricks (Sr., 3)	42 Tate Schanski (Sr., 3)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 25 Hayden Epstein (So., 1)
P 25 Hayden Epstein (So., 1)
KR 1 Dave Terrell (So., 1)
PR 5 James Whitley (Jr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Tom Brady, 200-323-2,427-10, 14 TDs
Rushing: Anthony Thomas, 146 car., 763 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: Marcus Knight, 41 rec., 597 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Anthony Thomas, 12 TDs, 72 points
Punting: Hayden Epstein, 4 punts, 40.3 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Tommy Hendricks, 71, 51 solo
Sacks: James Hall, 9
Interceptions: DeWayne Patmon, 4 for 13 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Notre Dame
Sept. 11	Rice
Sept. 18	at Syracuse
Sept. 25	at Wisconsin
Oct. 2	Purdue
Oct. 9	at Michigan State
Oct. 23	Illinois
Oct. 30	at Indiana
Nov. 6	Northwestern
Nov. 13	at Penn State
Nov. 20	Ohio State

Rising Star

Sophomore Hayden Epstein was the top-rated kicker coming out of high school in 1998, and he will get a chance to show why this year. After handling kickoffs all last season and punting in the final two games, he likely will become the field-goal kicker as well.

Quarterback Race in Ann Arbor!

Brady vs. Henson

By Angelique S. Chengelis
The Detroit News

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr was quite the jokester earlier this year as he looked toward the upcoming campaign.

His biggest concern for the Wolverines coming off a 10-3 season and a share of the Big Ten title?

"Quarterback," he deadpanned.

Fortunately, Carr is not planning on headlining at comedy clubs across the country. And even better news for Carr and the Michigan faithful is the quarterback situation.

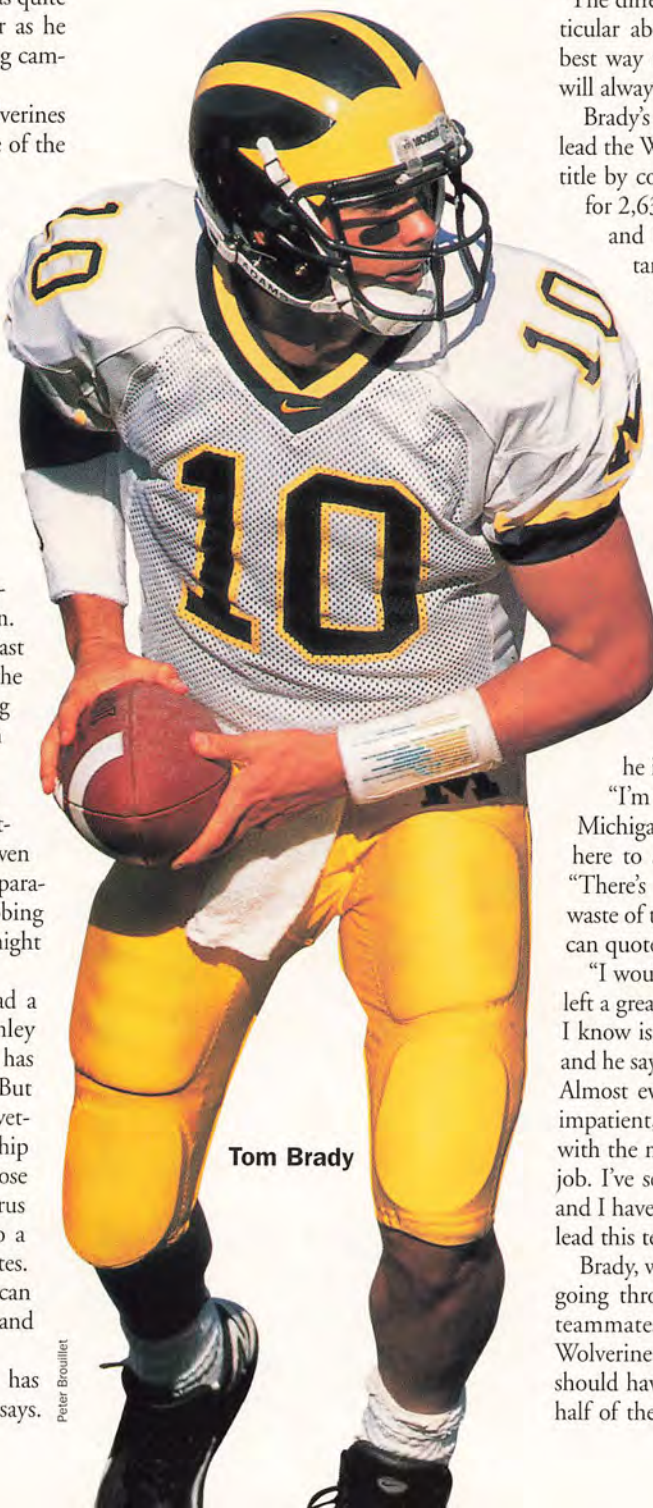
Returning for his senior season is Northern Californian Tom Brady, who started every game last season and led the Wolverines to a New Year's Day bowl game after an 0-2 start.

Then there is local hero Drew Henson, entering his sophomore season. Henson is a remarkable athlete who last year signed a \$2 million bonus with the New York Yankees and already is being groomed as their next third baseman — once he finishes college.

Henson spent his freshman season as Brady's backup. Carr says the starting job this year will be up for grabs even as the Wolverines enter preseason preparations. Brady and Henson will be grabbing for the job, and who knows, they might end up sharing it.

Ohio State coach John Cooper had a two-quarterback system with Stanley Jackson and Joe Germaine, and Carr has never been a big fan of that approach. But what to do? He has Brady, a seasoned veteran who has shown excellent leadership and decision-making, displaying those qualities against Arkansas in the Citrus Bowl as he guided the Wolverines to a comeback victory in the final six minutes. And he has Henson, who is quick, can scramble, has an outstanding arm and lacks only game experience.

"(Having a No. 1 quarterback) has always been my strong belief," Carr says.



Tom Brady

Peter Brouillet

"The difference is, they both have some particular abilities. We have to figure out the best way to handle this for our team. That will always be my guideline."

Brady's advantage is experience. He helped lead the Wolverines to a share of the Big Ten title by completing 61 percent of his passes for 2,636 yards. He threw 15 touchdowns and 12 interceptions, but more importantly, he played smart in difficult situations. Henson played minimally, completing 45 percent of his attempts for 254 yards and three touchdowns. He showed flashes of brilliance and flashes of inexperience, sometimes making poor reads and poor decisions.

With Henson's dual-sport constraints — he enters the season after a stint in Class A ball in Greensboro, N.C. — there has been some question of his desire to stay with football, but he has managed to juggle both and has made it perfectly clear that he is not going anywhere.

"I'm here to be the quarterback at Michigan, and I'm going to stick around here to see what happens," Henson says. "There's no reason to leave now. It'd be a waste of time. I'm going to be here, and you can quote me on that."

"I wouldn't want that in my mind, that I left a great college experience for money. All I know is, coach Carr has never lied to me, and he says he's going to play the best player. Almost everybody I talk to says not to get impatient, that'll only hurt me. I just work with the mind-set that I'm going to win the job. I've seen what it takes to be successful, and I have enough confidence to know I can lead this team whenever my time comes."

Brady, who spent the summer at Michigan going through informal workouts with his teammates, knows there are plenty of Wolverine fans who believe Henson's time should have come last season. In the second half of the Syracuse game, as Michigan was

about to lose its second game in two weeks, Brady heard the boos. He heard the calls to bring in Henson, who attended high school in nearby Brighton, to save the day and the season.

While it didn't feel good, Brady says it made him tougher.

"I understand that a high school player who is very highly recruited, who people are very familiar with from this area, who's a very nice guy, who's been in the spotlight, who's a great baseball player and has his name in the paper every day . . . that's what people know," says Brady, who did not play organized football until 10th grade. "And people never heard much about me. Drew is going to be a very good quarterback here, but that doesn't affect the way I play, and that doesn't affect our team on Saturday afternoons."

The two young men are friends. They don't go to movies and dinner together, yet they can talk and joke and help each other out. It's a healthy relationship born out of fierce competition.

"He is the most confident guy I've ever played with," Henson says of Brady.

Carr speaks fondly of both players. He calls Henson the most talented quarterback he's ever seen. He has called Brady, on more than one occasion, a "tough" player who picked up where Brian Griese left off after leading Michigan to a national title in 1997. Griese was not the most athletically gifted quarterback, but he made up for what he lacked in leadership and smarts. Brady has those qualities, in addition to the arm.

There has not appeared to be any strain on the relationship between Brady and Henson. There was some uneasiness, however, early last season when Carr implemented a plan during the second and third non-conference games to bring in Henson during the second quarter and give him playing time. Brady said he understood, but there was a feeling he really didn't. If anything, the competition has made the tough guy even tougher. He might have to call on that toughness as the Wolverines approach the start of this season and the quarterback situation begins to shake itself out.



Steve Wolfmann

Drew Henson

"I've never felt threatened by anybody," Brady says. "I wouldn't expect anything to be given to me, and I never have. You compete every day. I understand that."

Although Brady will spend his summer in Ann Arbor and Henson will spend most of his playing baseball, Henson said he is not threatened because he can turn off his mind from one sport and go to the other. He dreams of taking Michigan to the national title, but he also dreams of a professional future. Even if that future is baseball, he says there is no need to rush a decision. What he wants to do is carry out the decision he made to play college football. The only way to do that, of course, is to win the starting job.

"There are certain days where I think, 'Geez, it would be great to play in the NFL,' and other days, I think it would be great to play baseball," Henson says. "In October, I was sitting in my dorm room watching the World Series, and I thought, 'Man, it would

be great to be a Yankee.' I'll know by then (the end of college) which sport I'm closest to making it in and which I enjoy better.

"In my mind right now, I'm getting a little taste. I go back and forth all the time now, but in a couple years, I'll know."

And soon, the Wolverines will know how the quarterback race will be settled. There might be a starter and a backup or there might be — gasp — a rotation.

"It'll be a fair competition, I'll guarantee you that," says Stan Parrish, Michigan's quarterback coach. "And I'd be the biggest fool in the world to say we're not in a good position. It should be very interesting.

"Under Lloyd, positions are always up for grabs, and I think that's a great way to do it. To me, it's never important who the incumbent is. If you have perseverance, your time will come."

The problem is, there are two players who think their time is now.

Michigan State's long list of question marks suggests that 1999 won't be the year the Spartans contend for a Big Ten title. However, off-season upgrades may help the Spartans survive a brutal schedule and land in a bowl game for the fourth time in five years.

Nick Saban has instructed new defensive coordinator Bill Miller to crank up Michigan State's aggressiveness in the front seven with more pressing and attacking. The defense returns seven starters, and there is enough talent at linebacker and cornerback to make the press work.

The Spartans might not have enough firepower to stage a consistent running attack, but Saban hopes



Bill Burke

his call for increased toughness and togetherness will help put the Spartans back on the plus side of .500.

"Toughness should be a hallmark of our team, but I can't honestly say that it has been lately," says Saban.

The talent pool has grown deep enough to stage upsets of Ohio State and Notre Dame a year ago, and the team's attitude is improving.

"We don't have anybody trying to get out of anything this year," says Saban. "We don't have anybody trying to con anybody. This team is more upbeat, it's more enthusiastic, it's more positive."

quarterbacks

When Bill Burke is on, Michigan State plays like a Top 20 team. The senior left-hander, who holds the school record for most passing yards in a season (2,595), has the tools to make opposing defenses genuinely nervous. He is at his best when finding Plaxico Burress as the hot read against blitzes, but Burke must fight the habit of holding the ball too long and taking sacks.

Sophomore Ryan Van Dyke saw action in seven games last year and has more arm strength and mobility than Burke, but Van Dyke's decision making and administrative skills are not as advanced.

running backs

The tight competition indicates that the Spartans either have four quality tailbacks or four mediocre ones. It's hard to tell. One (Lloyd Clemons) is a former walk-on and the other three were blue chip recruits. But none is standing out in the race to replace Sedrick Irvin, who left early for the NFL.

Clemons got the most work in '98, averaging seven carries per game. Clemons is the Spartans' best short-yardage choice and Saban likes the way he runs with authority. The NCAA awarded Clemons a sixth year of eligibility, provided he graduates by the end of summer.

Sophomore Shawn Foster is Michigan State's fastest running back. Sophomore Little John Flowers is quick, strong and elusive.

Senior Leroy McFadden, MSU's biggest back, has moved from tailback to fullback, where he will put his 242 pounds to work as a blocker.

receivers

Michigan State has the best receiving tandem in the Big Ten with Burress and Gari Scott. Both are bona fide NFL prospects.

Burress has the speed to get deep and the size and strength (6'6", 229) to go over the middle. Scott, a senior, benefits when the opposing free safety cheats toward Burress' side. He'll be shooting for his third straight season of 40 or more catches.

Sophomore Herb Haygood is the team's fastest player (4.4) and is a threat on reverses. Haygood will get competition from tough junior Lavaile Richardson (13 catches in '98) as the first receiver off the bench.

Sophomore Chris Baker leads a deep cast of tight ends. Baker is smooth and has good hands, but isn't known as a great blocker.

offensive linemen

The Spartan line is not young or thin, it's just unproven. But there is hope. If junior college transfer Tupe Peko pans out at left tackle, it will allow second-year starter Dave Sucura to move from left tackle to his natural position of left guard. Peko has the quickness to play left tackle but his strength is suspect.

Junior Shaun Mason was expected to be the team's best lineman a year ago, but sat out with a knee injury. The team's strongest player started 12 games as a freshman and is healthy again.

Senior Greg Robinson-Randall is an athletic returning starter at right tackle. Senior Casey Jensen, a starter at right guard in '98, will replace All-Big Ten center Jason Strayhorn. Sophomore Paul

Bruce Schwartzman



Plaxico Burruss



Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 18 — at Notre Dame

Irish eyes will be looking for revenge from last year's prime time pasting.

Nov. 6 — Ohio State

Revenge Bowl II: The Buckeyes will have to earn it in East Lansing.

defensive backs

Sophomore Cedric Henry and junior Renaldo Hill made game-saving plays on consecutive snaps of Michigan State's upset of Ohio State. These two may have the cover ability to give Michigan State's other defensive players freedom to attack and gamble.

After sustaining a career-threatening neck injury, senior Amp Campbell may return if he gains medical clearance. Senior strong safety Aric Morris has the speed to play corner and the toughness to play linebacker. Capable letterwinners Lorenzo Guess and Richard Newsome and junior college transfer Drew Young will compete to replace Sorie Kanu at free safety.

specialists

Senior Paul Edinger is one of the nation's more consistent kickers. He nailed 13 straight field goals and went 22-of-26 on the year, including 8-for-9 from 40 to 49 yards. Sophomore punter Craig Jarrett finished third in the Big Ten with a 43.7-yard average.

Scott is one of the better punt returners in the Big Ten, but Saban wants improvement on his 19.7-yard average on kick returns.

Gari Scott

Harker, who started as a true freshman, may be bumped to second string.

defensive linemen

Maybe this is the year MSU's talented defensive line performs up to its potential.

Senior right end Robaire Smith, a consensus preseason All-America candidate in '98, returns after a quiet junior year. He has quickness and flexibility, but needs to show he can play with fire on every down.

Junior Pete Govens is a returning regular at tackle, where senior Desmond Thomas has the strength and technique to break through in '99. Thomas battled injuries as a junior and earned an extra year of eligibility. Physical junior Jace Saylor started at left end but has made a smooth move to tackle.



Michigan State's record in its last three games against teams ranked in the Top 10. The Spartans upset No. 4 Penn State in the regular season finale of 1997, and beat No. 1 Ohio State and No. 10 Notre Dame in 1998.

Sophomore pass rusher Hubert Thompson is an exceptional talent who has spent two years away from the game because of academic struggles. If eligible, he could be an impact player. He played behind sophomore Nick Myers in the spring.

Junior college transfer Jabari Hendricks, a first-team junior college All-American, could make noise as well.

Senior Julian Peterson, who tied the school record with 18 tackles for loss last year, will bounce between defensive end and strong side linebacker.

linebackers

This area is the new nucleus of what is expected to become a more Saban-like defense in the near future. Saban wants to build from the inside out with rising stars Josh Thornhill and T.J. Turner.

Mike Austin and Shawn Wright have struggled against the run as starters. MSU's rush defense improved midway through last year when Thornhill, a sophomore, and Turner, a junior, took over for Austin and Wright. Austin may find a home at strong-side linebacker on second and third down, if not as a starter. Peterson is in the picture on the strong side.

Wright is good in pass coverage and may be used in the nickel defense. Incoming freshman T.J. Duckett should earn a role in the two-deep.

Outside the Huddle

Full-court press Michigan State plans to press its linebackers up near the line of scrimmage this fall, going with more eight-man fronts and one-gap schemes. The Spartans studied the defenses of Florida State, Nebraska, Colorado and Alabama prior to making the alteration.

Peterson on patrol Nick Saban may use senior Julian Peterson as a strong-side linebacker on first down, and then turn him loose as a pass rushing defensive end in long-yardage situations. Last year, Peterson turned in several highlight reel plays in passing situations (10 sacks) but was a liability on running plays as an undersized defensive end. Peterson is not undersized as a linebacker in running situations, hence the reasoning for using him there on early downs.

Watts new New offensive coordinator Morris Watts won't offer a complete change of ideas in replacing Gary Tranquill, who left Michigan State to take a similar post at Virginia. But Watts may change personnel groups more frequently and use more formations, including empty backfields. Like Tranquill, Watts is fond of bootleg pass plays.

New look With a deep set of tight ends and a lack of fullbacks, MSU may go with more two- and three-tight end formations and more one-back sets.

1999 Michigan State Roster

1998 Record: 6-6
Big Ten Record: 4-4

Head Coach
Nick Saban

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
10	Agler, Arron	QB	6-4	229	Fr.	Grand Rapids, OH
25	Austin, Mike	LB	6-3	234	Sr.	Xenia, OH
20	Auston, Alex	FB	6-1	208	Fr.	Reading, PA
4	Axler, Max	PK	5-10	182	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH
83	Baker, Chris	TE	6-3	251	So.	Saline, MI
11	Bitonti, Matt	QB	5-11	188	Sr.	Sterling Heights, MI
72	Bonito, Matt	T	6-6	271	Jr.	Lima, OH
65	Booker, Ulish	OL	6-6	266	So.	West Haven, CT
58	Branson, Matt	G	6-2	270	So.	Lansing, MI
81	Brinkley, Terrance	WR	5-10	170	So.	Pontiac, MI
24	Brown, Richard	CB	5-11	192	Jr.	W. Hempstead, NY
10	Brown, Tai	DB	5-10	174	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
34	Brown, Terrance	S	5-11	195	So.	Cleveland, OH
27	Bryan, Duron	S	6-0	191	So.	Lexington Park, MD
20	Bryce, Rich	DB	6-3	192	Fr.	East Lansing, MI
16	Burke, Bill	QB	6-5	200	Sr.	Warren, OH
4	Burress, Plaxico	WR	6-6	229	Jr.	Virginia Beach, VA
3	Campbell, Amp	CB	6-0	200	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
36	Clemons, Lloyd	TB	5-11	211	Sr.	Detroit, MI
26	Cofor, Jimel	S	6-1	191	Fr.	Miami, FL
41	Dawes, Matt	LB	6-1	221	So.	Battle Creek, MI
97	Dickman, Brian	TE	6-3	226	Fr.	Macomb, MI
1	Edinger, Paul	PK	5-10	168	Sr.	Lakeland, FL
23	Flowers, Little John	TB	6-0	208	So.	Kalamazoo, MI
22	Foster, Shawn	TB	5-11	200	So.	Lansing, MI
39	Franklin, Donvetis	CB	5-11	189	Sr.	Fayetteville, NC
92	Govens, Pete	DT	6-4	285	Jr.	Concordville, PA
51	Grant, Brian	C	6-3	271	Jr.	E. Grand Rapids, MI
56	Grant, Tony	OL	6-2	263	So.	Bay City, MI
4	Greene, Billy	FB	6-1	238	Sr.	Canandaigua, NY
5	Guess, Lorenzo	S	6-1	188	So.	Wayne, MI
57	Harker, Paul	G	6-3	288	So.	Dayton, OH
2	Haygood, Herb	WR	6-0	180	So.	Sarasota, FL
37	Henry, Cedric	CB	5-10	183	So.	Sarasota, FL
15	Hill, Renaldo	CB	5-11	170	Jr.	Detroit, MI
82	Hughes, Brandon	WR	5-9	165	Jr.	Chicago, IL
12	Jarrett, Craig	P	6-2	208	So.	Martinsville, IN
64	Jensen, Casey	C	6-7	294	Sr.	Eagan, MN
40	Kammer, Wes	LB	6-2	228	Jr.	Marine City, MI
3	Kennedy, Andy	K	6-0	193	Sr.	Toledo, OH
5	Kuesch, Nate	WR	6-0	183	Jr.	Portland, MI
69	Kouba, Ray	OL	6-1	264	Fr.	Orland Park, IL
30	Kropf, Matt	LB	6-3	229	So.	Traverse City, MI
14	Lee, Derrick	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	Flint, MI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
80	Martin, E.J.	WR	6-0	177	Sr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
71	Mason, Shaun	G	6-5	275	Jr.	Toledo, OH
6	Masoner, Phinney	K	5-10	160	So.	Columbus, OH
85	McCoy, Ivory	TE	6-3	227	Jr.	Chicago, IL
28	McFadden, Leroy	FB	6-3	242	Sr.	Eden Prairie, MN
48	McPherson, Bill	FB	6-2	215	Fr.	Lowell, MI
59	Miller, Raheem	DE	6-2	243	Sr.	Rochester, NY
9	Morris, Aric	S	5-11	207	Sr.	Oak Park, MI
49	Moss, Dawan	FB	5-11	233	Fr.	Detroit, MI
75	Myers, Nick	DE	6-2	275	So.	Springfield, OH
52	Neal, Mike	C	6-1	250	Sr.	Okemos, MI
21	Nelson, Broderick	CB	6-0	170	So.	Dania, FL
32	Newsome, Richard	S	5-11	191	Jr.	Fostoria, OH
82	Paton, Ross	DE	6-4	235	Fr.	Howell, MI
74	Peko, Tupe	T	6-4	276	Jr.	Whittier, CA
98	Peterson, Julian	LB	6-4	235	Sr.	Hillcrest Hts., MD
84	Rainko, Brad	TE	6-3	241	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
88	Rance, Kyle	TE	6-6	251	Sr.	Troy, MI
7	Richardson, Lavalie	WR	6-2	196	Jr.	Warren, OH
76	Robinson-Randall, Greg	T	6-5	312	Sr.	Hitchcock, TX
23	Rotinski, Jeremy	P	5-10	160	Fr.	Gaylord, MI
80	Saylor, Jace	DT	6-5	285	Jr.	McHenry, IL
14	Schaefer, David	K	5-10	182	So.	Birmingham, MI
95	Shaw, Josh	DT	6-3	275	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
60	Schultz, Mike	G	6-7	296	Jr.	Ontario, Canada
86	Scott, Gari	WR	6-1	197	Sr.	Lake Park, FL
87	Smith, Demont	WR	5-10	172	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
77	Smith, Josh	C	6-3	272	So.	O'Fallon, IL
91	Smith, Robaire	DE	6-5	269	Sr.	Flint, MI
53	Spina, Adam	LB	6-4	218	So.	East Lansing, MI
70	Sucura, Dave	T	6-3	286	Jr.	Sterling Heights, MI
19	Suggs, DeMario	CB	5-11	193	Jr.	Toledo, OH
51	Tazelaar, Jeff	LB	6-2	221	Fr.	Newberry, MI
66	Thomas, Desmond	DT	6-3	285	Sr.	Beltsville, MD
89	Thompson, Hubert	DE	6-4	268	So.	Hillside, IL
50	Thornhill, Josh	LB	6-3	235	So.	Lansing, MI
35	Turner, T.J.	LB	6-2	241	Jr.	Hillsboro, OH
36	Ubom, Aniema	CB	5-10	182	Jr.	Southfield, MI
13	Van Dyke, Ryan	QB	6-5	214	So.	Marshall, MI
63	Wensel, Marty	G	6-2	277	So.	Slatington, PA
54	Williams, Brian	LB	6-2	196	Sr.	Holland, MI
11	Wilson, Pierre	LB	6-3	246	Fr.	Riviera Beach, FL
31	Wright, Shawn	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH
15	Zayti, Todd	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	Northville, MI

1999 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Dimitry Bernard DE 6-3 255 Bronx, NY
PrepStar juco All-American. Recorded 72 tackles in 1998 at Nassau (NY) CC.

Kendall Daniels LB/DE 6-3 250 Teaneck, NJ
PrepStar juco All-American. Registered 110 tackles in 1998, including 10 sacks at Nassau (NY) CC.

T.J. Duckett LB 6-2 255 Kalamazoo, MI
Consensus prep All-American. Named Parade and Rivalnet National Player of the Year. Selected as Defensive Player of the Year by PrepStar, SuperPrep and Rivalnet. Recorded 102 tackles in 1998.

Samaj Gordon DE 6-5 245 Atlanta, GA
Named to PrepStar's All-Southeast region team. Tied nearly 150 tackles and 17 sacks as a senior.

Jabari Hendricks DE 6-4 275 Detroit, MI
PrepStar and SuperPrep juco All-American at Santa Monica (CA) CC. Recorded 78 solo tackles in 1998.

Mike Labinjo RB 6-1 250 Ontario, Canada
PrepStar All-Eastern region. Ranked the No. 2 running back in Canada by Ron Diaz. Runs a 4.65 in the 40.

Dan Larham QB/ATH 6-0 215 Kent, OH
PrepStar All-Midwest region. Ranked the Big Ten region's No. 7 quarterback prospect by TNRA.

Josh Lenaburg WR/DB 6-0 170 Medina, OH
Listed on PrepStar's All-Midwest team. Ranked the 10th best athlete in the Midwest by TNRA.

Mike McConnell RB 6-1 200 Adairsville, GA
Named PrepStar and TNRA All-Southeast and SuperPrep All-Dixie. Runs a 4.37 in the 40.

Durocher Miller WR 6-1 180 Detroit, MI
PrepStar, TNRA and Tom Lemming All-Midwest pick. Had 37 catches for 785 yds. and 11 TDs in 1998.

DeMarco Monroe OL 6-4 300 Evansville, IN
A PrepStar, TNRA and Tom Lemming All-American selection. Two-time Class 5A all-state honoree.

Brian Ottney OL 6-6 285 Troy, MI
Named PrepStar, SuperPrep and TNRA All-American. Runs a 4.9 in the 40. All-state selection.

Dan Orner K 5-7 185 Warwick, NY
All-state pick. Hit eight-of-10 field goal attempts as a senior, including a career-long 49 yarder.

Joe Patrick OL 6-6 310 Ashley, MI
Named PrepStar, SuperPrep and TNRA All-American. Runs a 5.2 in the 40. Two-time all-state selection.

Tupe Peko OL 6-4 290 Whittier, CA
Earned juco All-America honors from PrepStar, SuperPrep and JC Gridwire. Runs a 5.0 in the 40.

Kyle Rasmussen DE 6-4 235 Hadley, MI
PrepStar, SuperPrep and Tom Lemming All-American honors. Recorded 65 tackles and five sacks in 1998.

Joe Savage WR 6-3 190 West Caldwell, NJ
All-Big East by TNRA. Ranked the 19th best prospect out of New Jersey by SuperPrep. Runs a 4.4 in the 40.

James Smith LB 6-3 240 Hamilton, OH
PrepStar All-American. Voted Southwest Ohio's Defensive Player of the Year in 1998.

Steve Stewart OL 6-5 310 Sandusky, OH
A PrepStar and SuperPrep All-Midwest region honoree. Ranked a Top 15 offensive lineman by TNRA.

Derek Stielstra DT 6-4 280 Zeeland, MI
PrepStar All-American. Earned first-team all-state honors. Recorded 62 tackles and five sacks in 1998.

Joe Tate OL 6-4 275 Southfield, MI
First-team all-state. Rated No. 8 player in the state by the Detroit Free Press. A three-year starter.

Bradlee Van Pelt QB 6-3 210 Santa Barbara, CA
A PrepStar All-Western pick. First-team all-state. Threw for 1,265 yds. and rushed for 1,294 yds. in 1998.

Marcus Waters LB/DB 6-5 235 Sarasota, FL
Named to PrepStar's and TNRA's All-America teams. Recorded 100 tackles and six sacks last season.

Ellington Wills DT 6-4 270 Detroit, MI
PrepStar All-American. First-team all-state. Registered 131 tackles and 13 sacks in 1998.

Thomas Wright DB 6-2 180 Lake Wales, FL
PrepStar All-American. Rated the No. 1 safety in Florida by SunState. Runs a 4.4 in the 40.

Drew Young DB 6-2 210 East Riverside, CA
Led San Bernardino (CA) Valley College with 112 tackles and three INTs in 1998.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (8)

SE 4	Plaxico Burress (Jr., 1)	7	Lavalie Richardson (Jr., 2)
LT 70	Dave Sucura (Jr., 2)	74	Tupe Peko (Jr., 0)
LG 57	Paul Harker (So., 1)	63	Marty Wensel (So., 0)
C 64	Casey Jensen (Sr., 3)	77	Josh Smith (So., 0)
RG 71	Shaun Mason (Jr., 1)	58	Matt Branson (So., 0)
RT 76	Greg Robinson-Randall (Sr., 1)	72	Matt Bonito (Jr., 1)
TE 83	Chris Baker (So., 1)	85	Ivory McCoy (Jr., 1)
FL 86	Garl Scott (Sr., 3)	2	Herb Haygood (So., 1)
QB 16	Bill Burke (Sr., 3)	13	Ryan Van Dyke (So., 1)
FB 28	Leroy McFadden (Sr., 2)	34	Billy Greene (Sr., 3)
TB 36	Lloyd Clemons (Sr., 1)	22	Shawn Foster (So., 1)

DEFENSE (7)

LE 75	Nick Myers (So., 1)	89	Hubert Thompson (So., 0)
LT 80	Jace Saylor (Jr., 2)	95	Josh Shaw (So., 1)
RT 92	Pete Govens (Jr., 3)	66	Desmond Thomas (Sr., 3)
RE 91	Robaire Smith (Sr., 2)		Jabari Hendricks (Jr., 0)
LB 25	Mike Austin (Sr., 3)	98	Julian Peterson (Sr., 1)
LB 35	T.J. Turner (Jr., 2)	40	Wes Kammer (Jr., 0)
LB 50	Josh Thornhill (So., 1)	31	Shawn Wright (Sr., 3)
LC 37	Cedric Henry (So., 1)	39	Donvetis Franklin (Sr., 1)
RC 15	Renaldo Hill (Jr., 1)	19	DeMario Suggs (Jr., 1)
SS 9	Aric Morris (Sr., 3)	27	Duron Bryan (So., 0)
FS 32	Richard Newsome (Jr., 2)	5	Lorenzo Guess (So., 1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 1	Paul Edinger (Sr., 3)
P 12	Craig Jarrett (So., 1)
KR 86	Garl Scott (Sr., 3)
PR 86	Garl Scott (Sr., 3)

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BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Bill Burke, 195-358-2,595-10, 19 TDs
Rushing: Shawn Foster, 22 car., 126 yds., 1 TD
Receiving: Plaxico Burress, 65 rec., 1,013 yds., 8 TDs
Scoring: Paul Edinger, 22 FGs, 28 XP, 94 points
Punting: Craig Jarrett, 64 punts, 43.8 avg.
Kicking: Paul Edinger, 22-26 FGs, 28-31 XP
Tackles: Aric Morris, 127, 76 solo
Sacks: Julian Peterson, 10
Interceptions: Renaldo Hill, 5 for 23 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 2	Oregon
Sept. 11	Eastern Michigan
Sept. 18	at Notre Dame
Sept. 25	at Illinois
Oct. 2	Iowa
Oct. 9	Michigan
Oct. 16	at Purdue
Oct. 23	at Wisconsin
Nov. 6	Ohio State
Nov. 13	at Northwestern
Nov. 20	Penn State

Rising Star

Nick Saban rarely gives true freshmen important roles in September, but it may be hard to keep T.J. Duckett off the field. MSU is expected to have a starting vacancy at strong-side linebacker in the year 2000, but Duckett is sure to be a factor in the two-deep as a freshman.

There's something strange in the air around the Minnesota Golden Gophers this season. It's called expectations.

The Gophers haven't reached a bowl game since 1986. They haven't had a winning season since 1990. But all the signs seem to indicate that will change in 1999. The Gophers return 17 starters, including All-America candidate Tyrone Carter in the secondary, from a team that came within a couple of missed kicks of a 6-5 season and a bowl appearance.

Third-year coach Glen Mason has revived a previously dead defense and effectively shut down the Minnesota border in the recruiting wars, an objec-



Luke Levenson

tive that could begin to pay dividends this season. And, with conference foes Michigan and Michigan State out and Northwestern and Illinois in, they have a favorable schedule.

"This team can win six, seven, maybe even eight games," says Carter, a senior safety whom the school is pushing for the Jim Thorpe (nation's best defensive back) and Bronko Nagurski (best overall defensive player) awards. "We can get to a bowl game. A big bowl game."

All that stood between the Gophers and a winning season last year was a 20-19 loss at Indiana, during which senior kicker Adam Bailey missed not one, but two PATs. The next week, the Gophers finished with a 49-7 trouncing of Iowa.

"Some people say there's not much difference between going 6-5 and 5-6," Mason says. "There's a huge difference: One's winning and one's losing. Anytime you're trying to turn a program around, people always bring up bowl games; that's the difference between winning and losing. We came close. We expect to take that next step."

quarterbacks

If Mason could fuse Billy Cockerham and Andy Persby into one player, he'd really have something here. Cockerham, the runner who can't throw a lick, started eight games. Persby, the passer with shoes made of lead, started the other three. The offense was spectacularly inconsistent under both, although Cockerham finished with a flourish by running for two touchdowns and throwing for two others in the season finale against Iowa.

The X factor is freshman Asad Abdul-Khaliq, the New Jersey high-school star who committed to Minnesota a year ago but didn't qualify academically to play in 1998. He went to a prep school, re-committed and joined the team for spring practice.

"It's a big advantage to have him here (for spring ball)," says Mason. "He'll have a heck of a lot more experience in September than a typical incoming freshman."

Bottom line: Mason says the position is open.

running backs

Thomas Hamner, a second-team All-Big Ten pick last season who has led the team in rushing each of his first three seasons, is fourth on the school's all-time rushing list. He is clearly the No. 1 running back. But he has vexed Gopher coaches with his inconsistency throughout his career. If that continues, the door will be open for freshman Thomas Tapeh.

Tapeh was born in Liberia. He moved to Minnesota when he was nine, and gained nine yards a carry and scored 27 touchdowns last season for St. Paul Johnson High. He is the team's running back of the future. The question is: Just how quickly will the future arrive for the high school star who was considered by some analysts a national Top 50 recruit?

"He's really good, and that's an understatement," says Mason, who also will call upon runners Byron Evans and Renato Fitzpatrick while using a committee of fullbacks exclusively to block.

receivers

Luke Levenson, the team's offensive MVP last season, tied for third in the Big Ten with nine touchdown receptions and fourth in receiving yards (77.6) and receptions (5.5) per game. And sophomore Ron Johnson isn't far behind.

Johnson, son of the former Pittsburgh Steeler of the same name, set school freshman records with 38 receptions and four touchdowns. His 395 yards came within 11 of matching Ryan Thelwell's freshman record set in 1994.

Antoine Henderson, Elvin Jones and converted quarterback Ryan Keller return to give the Gophers lots of depth. Arland Bruce, a junior-college transfer who was expected to challenge Hamner at running back last season but didn't, also has been converted to receiver.

Joe Robbins

Joe Robbins



Tyrone Carter



Ben Hamilton

offensive linemen

By the midpoint of the season, the offensive line could be the team's strength. The Gophers return starters everywhere but at right tackle, where senior Josh Rawlings moves over from two seasons at defensive tackle to replace Jon Albrecht. Rawlings must hold off redshirt freshman Jake Kuppe for the starter's spot.

Everything on the line revolves around junior center Ben Hamilton, the son of former Minnesota Vikings' lineman Wes Hamilton. The younger Hamilton has started 23 consecutive games, didn't have a single penalty called against him last season and is a star — if you can consider linemen stars. "If he has a good year, he'll be the best center in the league," Mason says.

103.7

Rushing yards per game allowed by Minnesota's defense last season, 13th-best in the nation and the school's lowest average since 1962.

defensive linemen

The Gophers return seven starters on a defense that climbed to sixth overall in the Big Ten in '98, a monumental leap for a team that finished dead last in the conference just three years ago. But only half of the starting line is back.

Junior defensive tackle John Schlecht, a former walk-on transfer from Div. II St. Cloud State, proved last season he could make the leap to big-time college football. Senior end Jon Michals is also back after combining with Schlecht for 76 tackles on a defense that commits itself to stopping the run and dares opponents to throw over a stacked line of scrimmage.

Junior Karon Riley, a transfer from SMU, and senior Dylon Russ will be expected to fill the starters' openings left by the loss of Antoine Richard and the move of Curtese Poole from end to linebacker. Mason expects big things from freshman Chris Smith, a tackle from the Bronx, N.Y.

linebackers

The Gophers must replace three-year starter Parc Williams, but they do so with three starters from a season ago. Junior Sean Hoffman, who has started every game his first two seasons and posted a team-best three interceptions in '98, and junior Ben Mezera return to their linebacking spots. Poole has been a quarterback, a linebacker and a defensive end dur-

Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 9 — Wisconsin

The Gophers will try to wrest the Paul Bunyan Axe from the Badgers in the 109th renewal of the most-played rivalry in college football. Wisconsin, a 26-7 winner last year, has had the trophy in its possession for four years.

ing his college days, and now finds himself back at linebacker.

defensive backs

Carter finished second in the Big Ten with 14.4 tackles a game from his strong safety post. Willie Middlebrooks, who was converted from safety to a corner last season, was forced to grow up fast after cornerback Jimmy Wyrick missed the entire season because of a foot injury. Last season's curse could be this season's blessing, but cornerback still is a cause for concern. Former starter Craig Scruggs is gone, and both Wyrick and junior Clorenzo Griffin (knee surgery) slowly are recovering from injuries.

specialists

The Gophers must replace placekicker Adam Bailey, a three-year starter who was absolutely dependable until he mysteriously stumbled in the Indiana game, probably costing the Gophers a bowl invitation. Redshirt freshman Preston Gruening is the heir apparent, and he could challenge senior Ryan Rindels for punting duties as well.

Carter posted a 26.7-yard kickoff return average in '98. Levenson should again handle punt returns.

Outside the Huddle

Sweet Home Minnesota Six of the team's 20-member incoming recruiting class are Minnesotans, including star running back Thomas Tapeh and touted linebacker Phil Archer from Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul. It's the second consecutive class in which Mason has signed most of the in-state players he sought. This time, he lost only Regis Eller, son of former Vikings star Carl Eller, who signed with Northwestern. "As far as I'm concerned, we've closed the borders," Mason says. "I don't want to underestimate that."

Hoops madness Redshirt freshman linebacker Ryan Iversen, who led Eden Prairie, Minn., High School to consecutive state titles in 1996 and 1997, left the team before spring practice because he wanted to pursue his real love, basketball. Iversen was a finalist for the state's Mr. Basketball award in '98.

Hospital ward Redshirt freshman Marlon Colbert missed spring practice but was, according to Mason, "recovering nicely" from a punctured lung and an eye injury after being stabbed outside a Minneapolis night club in March.

1999 Minnesota Roster

1998 Record: 5-6
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Glen Mason

NO. NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO. NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
51 Akinwale, Akeem	C	6-3	269	So.	Coon Rapids, MN	80 Jones, Elvin	WR	6-4	215	So.	Southfield, MI
18 Ambrasas, Nick	QB	6-2	204	Fr.	St. Paul, MN	1 Keller, Ryan	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Chicago, IL
99 Anderle, Matt	DT	6-6	309	So.	Roseville, MN	7 Kempth, Steve	P	6-1	198	Sr.	Chicago, IL
44 Andraschko, Jason	FB	6-3	251	Fr.	Menomonie, WI	75 Kuppe, Jake	OT	6-7	347	Fr.	Minnetonka, MN
31 Austin, Riley	SS	6-2	199	Fr.	Mabel, MN	70 Larson, Erik	OT	6-6	287	Jr.	Cambridge, MN
88 Baugus, Scooter	TE	6-7	239	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX	85 LaRue, Rob	TE	6-4	229	So.	Wayzata, MN
55 Belock, Dave	WLB	6-1	204	So.	Hinckley, OH	25 Lee, Eric	FS	5-11	183	Fr.	Menomonie, WI
52 Braaten, Luke	DLB	6-4	241	Sr.	Litchfield, MN	39 Lehan, Mike	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	Hopkins, MN
2 Brewer, Jack	FS	6-1	186	So.	Grapevine, TX	7 Levenson, Luke	WR	6-0	181	Sr.	Miami, FL
23 Bruce, Arland	WR	5-10	191	Sr.	Olathe, KS	57 Macken, Jerry	FB	6-1	232	Fr.	Rochester, MN
68 Burns, Derek	G	6-5	278	So.	Eden Prairie, MN	97 Mezera, Ben	DLB	6-4	237	Jr.	Waupaca, WI
70 Carey, Brian	DT	6-1	273	Jr.	Sun Prairie, WI	95 Michals, Jon	DE	6-4	269	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI
48 Carlson, Willis	FB	5-11	260	Jr.	Eagan, MN	42 Middlebrooks, Willie	CB	6-2	194	So.	Florida City, FL
86 Carter, Grant	WR	6-0	173	So.	Solon, OH	17 Neist, Alex	QB	6-0	188	Fr.	Fairmont, MN
69 Carter, Jeremiah	T	6-6	275	Fr.	St. Paul, MN	52 Nelson, Chris	RB	6-1	218	Fr.	Apple Valley, MN
22 Carter, Tyrone	SS	5-9	184	Sr.	Pompano Bch., FL	52 Norton, Jeff	G	6-5	276	Fr.	Plymouth, MN
98 Cernoch, Mike	DE	6-6	272	Jr.	Burnsville, MN	41 Olson, Jeff	FB	6-1	216	So.	Brooklyn Park, MN
62 Christian, Ryan	G	6-4	275	Fr.	New Ulm, MN	48 Osei, Asten	SLB	6-2	230	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
5 Cockerham, Billy	QB	6-1	217	Sr.	Clayton, CA	60 Palke, Joe	G	6-5	296	Fr.	Roseville, MN
50 Colbert, Marlon	WLB	6-3	233	Fr.	Detroit, MI	11 Persby, Andy	QB	6-3	230	Jr.	North St. Paul, MN
Cooper, Jason	FB	5-7	199	Fr.	Detroit, MI	Perzichilli, Nick	DLB	6-0	225	Fr.	White Bear Lk., MN
90 Dehnicke, Drew	DE	6-3	255	So.	Coon Rapids, MN	9 Poole, Curtese	WLB	6-3	243	Jr.	Columbus, OH
83 Dettman, Spencer	WR	5-11	167	Sr.	Green Bay, WI	25 Prigge, Brad	FB	5-10	193	Sr.	Zumbrota, MN
42 Dillenburg, Jim	FB	6-0	266	Jr.	Green Bay, WI	Rawlings, Josh	OT	6-5	319	Sr.	Fort Gratiot, MI
64 Domin, Ryan	DT	6-4	266	Fr.	Mahtomedi, MN	32 Redmon, Tellis	RB	6-0	192	Fr.	Grapevine, TX
6 Evans, Byron	RB	5-9	220	Sr.	Texas City, TX	91 Riley, Karon	DE	6-4	248	Jr.	Detroit, MI
33 Fitzpatrick, Renato	RB	6-0	203	Fr.	St. Louis, MO	35 Rindels, Ryan	P	5-11	191	Sr.	Coon Rapids, MN
64 Floyd, Terrence	G	6-4	304	Jr.	Akron, OH	20 Rodgers, Fred	CB	5-9	170	Sr.	Hamilton, OH
13 Graham, Trevis	CB	5-10	183	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	66 Roth, Ryan	G	6-3	299	So.	Kansas City, MO
26 Griffin, Clorenzo	CB	5-10	183	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	92 Russ, Dyron	DT	6-1	304	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
14 Gruening, Preston	P/K	5-10	183	Fr.	Schofield, WI	65 Schellhammer, Dan	C	6-4	277	Fr.	Chatfield, MN
74 Haayer, Adam	T	6-6	292	Jr.	Wyoming, MN	93 Schlecht, John	DT	6-1	281	Jr.	White Bear Lk., MN
38 Hall, Justin	WLB	6-3	239	Jr.	Bloomington, MN	40 Spencer, Marvin	FB	6-1	232	Fr.	Coon Rapids, MN
55 Hamilton, Ben	C	6-5	271	Jr.	Plymouth, MN	96 Sykora, Dave	DT	6-6	312	Fr.	Bloomington, MN
12 Hamner, Thomas	RB	6-0	186	Sr.	Hamilton, OH	71 Thorman, Ryan	T	6-5	286	So.	Eagan, MN
16 Harden, Mike	DLB	6-2	211	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	81 Vevea, Zach	TE	6-6	256	So.	Elk River, MN
84 Hass, Alex	TE	6-5	269	Sr.	St. Peter, MN	63 Walters, Mike	DT	6-3	246	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN
77 Hau, Pat	G	6-6	323	Sr.	Edina, MN	19 Westlund, Jesse	QB	6-5	233	Fr.	St. Francis, MN
4 Henderson, Antoine	WR	5-7	157	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	41 Williams, Robert	RB	6-3	259	Fr.	Brooklyn Park, MN
6 Henry, Jimmy	SS	6-1	192	Sr.	Detroit, MI	27 Wing, Simon	PK	5-10	188	Fr.	Chanhausen, MN
45 Hoffman, Sean	SLB	6-3	244	Jr.	Fargo, ND	30 Wyrick, Jimmy	CB	5-9	176	Sr.	De Soto, TX
17 Iversen, Ryan	DLB	6-3	248	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN	61 Zander, Jason	C	6-5	305	Sr.	Sun Prairie, WI
3 Johnson, Ron	WR	6-3	210	So.	Detroit, MI	50 Zemke, Val	SLB	5-10	216	Jr.	Oshkosh, WI
21 Jones, Delvin	FS	6-0	184	So.	Miami, FL	26 Zochert, Blake	SLB	6-3	245	Jr.	Green Bay, WI

1999 Signees

Name **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Asad Abdul-Khalik QB 6-2 195 Elizabeth, NJ
Completed 62 percent of his passes and threw for 18 TDs in just seven games in 1998 at Fork Union Military Academy. PrepStar All-America in 1997.

Phil Archer LB 6-2 240 St. Paul, MN
Two-time all-state selection who registered 92 solo tackles in 1998. SuperPrep All-Midwest.

Andre Brown CB 5-9 180 Dallas, TX
Spent the 1998 season at Fort Scott (KS) CC. Registered 26 solo tackles and four INTs in last year.

Anthony Dabruzzi OL 6-8 280 Afton, MN
Earned all-state in 1998. Ranked the 11th best offensive lineman in the Midwest by PrepStar.

Tony Dupree LB 6-2 220 Jersey City, NJ
Three-time all-county selection. Registered 95 solo tackles in 1998.

Mike Galloway DB 6-1 190 Columbus, OH
Earned first-team all-city honors in 1998 after totaling 87 tackles and two INTs.

Dan Gitlewski TE 6-6 255 Oak Creek, WI
All-area and all-conference selection as a senior. Had 14 rec. for 312 yds. and one TD last year.

Adam Johnson DE 6-7 225 Coleraine, MN
All-state selection in 1998 after registering 83 tackles and four sacks. Also played quarterback.

Benji Kamrath QB 6-3 195 Mayville, WI
Named Wisconsin's Offensive Player of the Year in 1998 after completing 81-of-137 passing attempts for 1,708 yds. and 18 TDs. Two-time all-state pick.

Dan Kwapinski DE 6-5 242 Fort Ransom, ND
Two-time all-state selection who was named North Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year in 1998.

Matt McIntosh OL 6-8 275 Hartland, WI
Ranked the 17th best offensive lineman in the Midwest by PrepStar. SuperPrep All-Midwest.

Tevita Moala LB 5-11 220 Hawthorne, CA
Second-team juco All-America selection by JC Gridwire at El Camino (CA) JC.

Paul Nixon LB 6-3 205 Columbus, OH
Four-year starter who played linebacker, defensive end and running back during his prep career.

Dan Nystrom K/P 5-11 205 New Hope, MN
All-state selection. First prep player in Minnesota history to hit two field goals of 50-plus yards in the same game. Averaged 40.8 yards per punt in 1998.

Tony Patterson QB 6-3 190 Belleville, IL
SuperPrep All-Midwest pick. Completed 64-of-110 pass attempts for 1,190 yds. and 13 TDs in 1998.

Chris Smith DT 6-4 290 Bronx, NY
Played both ways at offensive and defensive tackle at Milford (CT) Academy. PrepStar All-America in 1997.

Thomas Tapeh RB 6-1 220 St. Paul, MN
SuperPrep All-America choice as a senior after he rushed for 1,845 yds. on 208 car. and scored 27 TDs.

Ben Utecht WR 6-6 220 Hastings, MN
Detroit Free Press Best of the Midwest pick. All-state as a punter.

Eli Ward DB 6-1 190 Akron, OH
Three-year starter who racked up 211 tackles and nine INTs during his career. Second-team all-state.

Maurice White DE 6-5 260 Detroit, MI
All-state in 1998 when he registered 68 solo tackles and eight sacks.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (10)

WR 7 Luke Levenson (Sr., 3)	4 Antoine Henderson (Jr., 2)
LT 74 Adam Haayer (Jr., 2)	70 Erik Larson (Jr., 1)
LG 77 Pat Hau (Sr., 2)	68 Derek Burns (So., 0)
C 55 Ben Hamilton (Jr., 2)	51 Akeem Akinwale (So., 0)
RG 66 Ryan Roth (So., 1)	60 Joe Palke (Fr., 0)
RT Josh Rawlings (Sr., 2)	75 Jake Kuppe (Fr., 0)
TE 84 Alex Hass (Sr., 2)	81 Zach Vevea (So., 1)
QB 5 Billy Cockerham (Sr., 2)	11 Andy Persby (Jr., 1)
FB 25 Brad Prigge (Sr., 2)	44 Jason Andraschko (Fr., 0)
RB 12 Thomas Hamner (Sr., 3)	36 Byron Evans (Sr., 3)
WR 3 Ron Johnson (So., 1)	80 Elvin Jones (So., 1)

DEFENSE (7)

LE 95 Jon Michals (Sr., 3)	98 Mike Cernoch (Jr., 1)
LT 92 Dyron Russ (Sr., 2)	96 Dave Sykora (Fr., 0)
RT 93 John Schlecht (Jr., 1)	99 Matt Anderle (So., 1)
RE 91 Karon Riley (Jr., 0)	90 Drew Dehnicke (So., 0)
LB 9 Curtese Poole (Jr., 1)	38 Justin Hall (Jr., 2)
LB 45 Sean Hoffman (Jr., 2)	48 Asten Osei (So., 1)
LB 97 Ben Mezera (Jr., 2)	52 Luke Braaten (Sr., 3)
LC 13 Trevis Graham (Jr., 2)	39 Mike Lehan (Fr., 0)
RC 42 Willie Middlebrooks (So., 1)	20 Fred Rodgers (Sr., 3)
SS 22 Tyrone Carter (Sr., 3)	6 Jimmy Henry (Sr., 1)
FS 21 Delvin Jones (So., 1)	2 Jack Brewer (So., 0)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 14 Preston Gruening (Fr., 0)
P 35 Ryan Rindels (Sr., 3)
KR 22 Tyrone Carter (Sr., 3)
PR 7 Luke Levenson (Sr., 3)

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BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Billy Cockerham, 92-180-1,150-12, 11 TDs
Rushing: Thomas Hamner, 209 car., 838 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Luke Levenson, 60 rec., 854 yds., 9 TDs
Scoring: Luke Levenson, 10 TDs, 60 points
Punting: Ryan Rindels, 80 punts, 38.0 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Tyrone Carter, 158, 127 solo
Sacks: Tyrone Carter, 8
Interceptions: Sean Hoffman, 3 for 29 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Ohio
Sept. 11	at NE Louisiana
Sept. 18	Illinois State
Oct. 2	at Northwestern
Oct. 9	Wisconsin
Oct. 16	at Illinois
Oct. 23	Ohio State
Oct. 30	Purdue
Nov. 6	at Penn State
Nov. 13	Indiana
Nov. 20	at Iowa

Rising Star

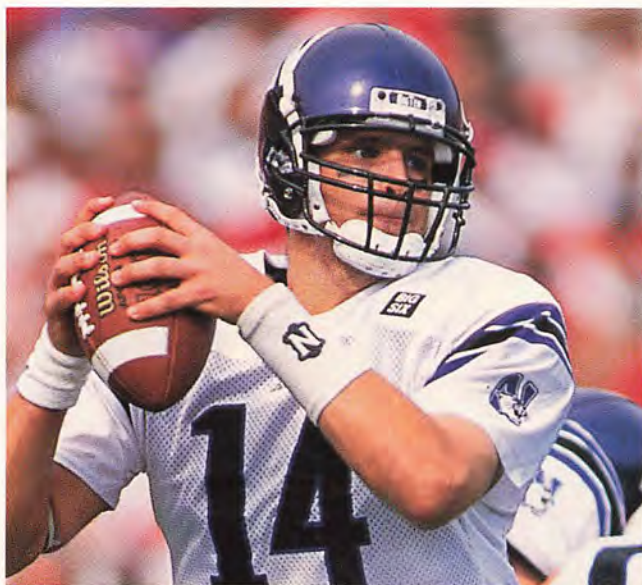
Mason promises nothing to true freshmen, but running back Thomas Tapeh from St. Paul is an exception. The most highly recruited Minnesota player in years, he chose to stay near home. "It's bad when your six-year-old girl says, 'You'd better get Tapeh,'" Mason says.

During his introduction as the 28th Northwestern football coach January 20th, Randy Walker called himself "the luckiest guy on this planet."

His exuberance was understandable. The flurry of the previous 24 hours, including the departure of coaching legend-gone-sour Gary Barnett and Walker's hire from Miami (Ohio), left Walker with little time to preview his situation.

Now, Walker is a bit more reserved.

Just three years removed from back-to-back Big Ten Championships, the rose petals have fallen from the Northwestern program. The Wildcats went winless in the Big Ten last year for the first time since



Gavin Hoffman

1993, evoking memories of the dreadful "Mildcat" years. But Walker brings a fresh face and an open mind to Northwestern, two attributes that will likely become virtues in the coming season.

The Wildcats lose two of the best players in school history in wide receiver D'Wayne Bates and linebacker Barry Gardner but return seven young starters on both sides of the ball. Walker's late hire hurt Northwestern's recruiting, and the program is still reeling from the 1997 gambling scandal.

But Walker maintains the country-boy optimism that made him Miami's winningest football coach ever.

"I really don't know what's gone on in the past," Walker says. "Let's talk about where we're going tomorrow. I know we have to hit the ground running."

Let the marathon begin.

quarterbacks

Starter Gavin Hoffman returns, but by no means does he have the quarterback position locked up. In

his first year at the helm, the redshirt freshman lost the confidence of his coach and most of his players, throwing 14 interceptions and only 13 touchdowns.

This fall, there will be plenty of competition for Hoffman's spot. Junior Nick Kreinbrink, who completed half his passes while appearing in eight games last season, was Hoffman's top competitor this spring. Sophomores David Farman and Steve Parker also got a look. Zak Kustok, who transferred from Notre Dame when the Irish offensive approach turned in a new direction, has three years of eligibility remaining.

Walker won't name a favorite, but considering he locked up Kustok's transfer this winter, it is safe to say he is a leading candidate. This position crippled Northwestern's offense last year, and finding a consistent signal caller will be priority No. 1 this fall.

running backs

The two youngsters who led the running game last year return with hopes of erasing the memories of their sophomore slump. Junior Damien Anderson started over classmate Brian Marshall most of the season, but neither was especially effective. Between them, they managed just 833 net yards and 3.2 yards per carry.

Instead, it was the rise of Sam Simmons that gained everyone's attention last season. Simmons, a heralded running back in high school, played a variety of positions and excelled at them all as a '98 freshman. When both Anderson and Marshall were stymied in Big Ten play, Simmons filled in and rushed for 124 yards on 31 carries.

Walker needs one of those three to step up and take over the running game before Northwestern's offense will be effective in the Big Ten.

receivers

Not a single returning player averaged more than 27.3 receiving yards per game last season, a reality that could be the hardest for Walker to overcome. Bates was the beginning and, far too frequently, the end of the Wildcats' offense last season, but he takes his 15 yards-per-catch average to the NFL this year.

Simmons averaged 26 yards per catch, but he could be lining up in the backfield this season instead of at wide receiver. Fifth-year senior Aaron Burrell is the top returning wideout, but he made only seven catches all last year for fewer than 100 yards total. Talented Illinois native Jon Schweghardt could earn playing time in his freshman year as Walker searches for Bates' replacement.

The tight end position will again be a strength for the Wildcats. Three-time letterwinner Jay Tant returns for his senior year after garnering honorable mention All-Big Ten honors last season. Tant is the leading returning receiver with 30 receptions for 10.9 yards per catch.

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Sam Simmons



Randy Bellace

Preston Letts

offensive linemen

Far too often last season, opposing defensive linemen found easy and clear access into Northwestern's backfield, but the offensive line returns all but one player with lots of playing experience to build on. Brian Hemmerle, a fifth-year senior who logged three starts at right guard and three at left guard while suffering through an injury-filled 1998, will be the anchor of a battle-tested unit this season. Tackles Blake Henry and Mike Souza and center Adam Fay also return to the lineup. With a more balanced attack, the offensive line won't have quite the burden it had last year.

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The number of points opponents averaged last year against Northwestern. Walker's Miami (Ohio) squad ranked 16th in the nation in total defense and fourth in the nation in scoring defense, so expect that number to plummet.

defensive linemen

Like the offensive line, the defensive line was inexperienced last year and struggled to apply pressure on the opposition. Its 19 total sacks and 162.5 rushing yards allowed per game won't cut it in the Big Ten.

But again, like their teammates on the other side, the defensive line returns four starters, including talented tackles Jeff Dyra and Dar-

ryl Hodge and ends Dwayne Missouri and Salem Simon. Dyra, a 290-pound senior, was the most active of the bunch, posting seven tackles for loss and four sacks. Missouri also spent a good deal of time in opponents' backfields. Walker built solid defenses at Miami and is likely to start here in his attempts to rebuild Northwestern.

linebackers

The Wildcats have a linebacker tradition that includes two back-to-back first-team All-Big Ten honorees, but that string ended when Gardner graduated after last season. The departure of the Big Ten's leading tackler from the last two years will leave a big hole in the middle, and filling it will be Walker's biggest immediate challenge.

Senior Conrad Emmerich is the lone returning starter. Junior Napoleon Harris, senior Preston Letts (the top returning tackler), and sophomores Kevin Bentley and Billy Silva will all see plenty of playing time. Harris is a big-time playmaker and the leading candidate to fill Gardner's shoes.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 4 — Miami (Ohio)

Walker begins his Northwestern regime with a game that's full of subplots. The Wildcats haven't played the RedHawks since Walker's squad upset Northwestern in 1995, the Wildcats' only loss in their historic run to the Big Ten championship and the Rose Bowl.

defensive backs

The secondary has always been a weakness at Northwestern. Purdue's high-flying offense put 56 points on the Wildcats last year, and Northwestern fans routinely watched impressive pass-and-catch displays by the opposition. This season the Wildcats return only two starting defensive backs, junior strong safety Mycal Jones and senior cornerback Harold Blackmon. Junior Shegun Cummings-John showed impressive athleticism in seven games last season.

specialists

The kicking game is suffering from significant losses. Brian Gowins, who will forever be remembered for kicking several clutch game-winning field goals during his record-breaking career, leaves. Punter J.J. Stranding returns after a subpar 1998.

Simmons, who finished eighth in the nation last year with a 27.6-yard kickoff return average, will again return kicks and possibly punts. Burrell is also available to return punts.

Outside the Huddle

Good riddance No one around Northwestern was sad to see former coach Gary Barnett leave in January. After entertaining job offers from around the country, Barnett finally settled on going home to Colorado. But two days before taking the Colorado job, Barnett sent an e-mail to all the Wildcats pledging to stay and "take (Northwestern) back to Pasadena." In announcing Barnett's resignation, Northwestern athletic director Rick Taylor said, "The king is dead. Long live the king."

Cradle of Coaches New Northwestern coach Randy Walker spent four years playing and nine years coaching at Miami (Ohio). As head coach of the RedHawks from 1990-1998, Walker compiled the best coaching record in school history, 59-35-5 (.621). That's better than former Miami head coaches Earl "Red" Blaik, Paul Brown, Carmen Cozza, Sid Gillman, Weeb Ewbank, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, Bo Schembechler and Dick Crum.

Recruiting run-around Walker had 10 days between the time he was hired at Northwestern and the first day of the signing period. But despite the short time to reassure all the recruits, Walker lost only one top prospect, quarterback John Navarre from Wisconsin, who opted for Michigan. Walker signed 20 recruits to letters of intent this winter.

1999 Northwestern Roster

1998 Record: 3-9
Big Ten Record: 0-8

Head Coach
Randy Walker

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
90	Albrecht, Craig	DL	6-5	285	So.	St. Louis, MO
20	Anderson, Damien	RB	5-11	198	Jr.	Wilmingon, IL
45	Baer, Jeff	DT	6-3	281	Jr.	Bedford, PA
12	Barz, Bob	QB	6-2	203	So.	Lisle, IL
2	Bentley, Kevin	LB	6-1	226	So.	North Hills, CA
6	Blackmon, Harold	DB	6-0	197	Sr.	Chicago, IL
67	Brockmeier, Leon	OL	6-7	282	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
49	Brown, Jason	WR	5-11	181	Jr.	Monrovia, CA
25	Brown, Marvin	SS	5-10	197	Jr.	Pueblo, CO
23	Brunel, Pierre	P	5-9	172	Jr.	Greenwich, CT
7	Burrell, Aaron	WR	6-1	206	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
89	Cerasani, John	TE	6-4	271	Sr.	Schaumburg, IL
98	Chapman, Pete	DL	6-3	259	So.	Aurora, CO
77	Clelland, Lance	OL	6-5	301	Jr.	Reisterstown, MD
92	Collins, Javier	DT	6-6	305	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
75	Collins, Joe	OL	6-8	299	Jr.	Darien, CT
11	Conoway, Gerald	DB	6-0	173	Sr.	Detroit, MI
27	Covington, Raheem	DB	5-9	176	So.	Pine Hill, NJ
41	Cox, Michael	DB	6-0	184	So.	Galena, IL
1	Cummings-John, Shgun	DB	5-11	196	Jr.	Mesa, AZ
19	Danielson, Matt	QB	6-0	220	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI
99	Dyra, Jeff	DT	6-4	290	Sr.	Chicago, IL
86	Elsen, Corbett	TE	6-5	229	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
47	Emmerich, Conrad	LB	6-5	255	Sr.	Foley, MN
15	Farman, David	QB	6-5	227	So.	Austin, TX
52	Fay, Adam	OL	6-4	301	Jr.	Bettendorf, IA
65	Friedrich, Ryan	OL	6-8	311	Sr.	Stevens Point, WI
57	Garner, Ty	OL	6-3	301	Sr.	Fond du Lac, WI
16	Gooch, Tyrone	RB	5-10	200	Sr.	Bolingbrook, IL
59	Grimes, Onaje	LB	6-2	217	So.	Shaker Hts., OH
71	Hamedy, Jack	OL	6-7	297	Sr.	Chicago, IL
8	Harris, Napoleon	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Dixmoor, IL
70	Hemmerle, Brian	OL	6-6	315	Sr.	Louisville, KY
53	Henry, Blake	OL	6-6	283	So.	Towson, MD
78	Hodge, Darryl	DT	6-3	281	Sr.	Silver Springs, MD
14	Hoffman, Gavin	QB	6-5	237	Jr.	Wayzata, MN
73	Jewell, Jason	OL	6-5	274	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
81	Johnson, Rob	WR	6-2	212	Jr.	Canton, MI
18	Johnson, Teddy	WR	5-11	184	Jr.	Elgin, IL
51	Jones, Chris	LB	6-2	241	So.	Garland, TX
4	Jones, Mycal	SS	5-11	204	Jr.	Jeannette, PA

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63	Kaplan, Alan	OL	6-3	258	So.	San Diego, CA
88	Kosmowski, Eron	P	6-6	252	Sr.	Hartland, MI
13	Kreinbrink, Nick	QB	6-2	219	Jr.	Leipsic, OH
22	Lawrence, Kevin	RB	5-10	188	So.	Quebec, Canada
43	Letts, Preston	LB	6-2	240	Sr.	Hinsdale, IL
39	Long, Tim	K	6-1	195	Sr.	Altoona, PA
93	Konopka, Pete	DE	6-4	243	Jr.	Marengo, IL
76	Lucier, Wayne	OL	6-4	279	So.	Salem, NH
33	Martin, Chasda	DB	5-11	194	So.	Phoenix, AZ
28	Marshall, Brian	RB	5-10	209	Jr.	Southfield, MI
3	Miller, Ian	FB	5-10	237	Sr.	Spring Valley, CA
85	Miller, Phil	WR	6-5	207	Sr.	Buffalo, MN
95	Missouri, Dwayne	DE	6-5	252	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
24	Morton, Rashad	FS	5-11	213	Sr.	Macedonia, OH
23	Musso, Scott	SS	5-10	199	Sr.	Hinsdale, IL
41	Okeke, Ben	K	5-11	183	Jr.	Denver, CO
17	Parker, Steve	QB	6-5	204	So.	Castro Valley, CA
54	Penake, David	P	5-11	189	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
66	Perry, Mark	OL	6-4	274	Sr.	Cecilia, KY
84	Tant, Jay	TE	6-3	254	Sr.	Kettering, OH
97	Taylor, Gladston	DL	6-5	263	Sr.	Missouri City, TX
9	Thompson, Derrick	WR	5-9	163	Sr.	Harvey, IL
31	Sanders, Kyle	FS	5-11	206	Sr.	Jackson, MI
83	Sherry, Mike	TE	6-4	219	Jr.	Griffith, IN
44	Silva, Billy	LB	6-3	229	So.	San Diego, CA
32	Simmons, Sam	RB	5-10	202	So.	Kansas City, MO
94	Simon, Salem	DE	6-4	257	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
56	Souza, Mike	OL	6-6	285	Jr.	Kaneohe, HI
42	Standing, J.J.	P	6-0	202	Jr.	Chicago, IL
48	Stiernagle, Chris	FB	6-2	216	So.	Eden Prairie, MN
84	Tant, Jay	TE	6-3	254	Sr.	Kettering, OH
64	Walters, Jon	OL	6-5	275	So.	Naperville, IL
30	Wheeler, Rashidi	RB	6-0	213	So.	Ontario, CA
37	Wieber, Sean	FS	6-1	197	So.	Sandusky, OH
96	Wimsatt, Andrew	DE	6-3	237	So.	Damascus, MD

1999 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Matt Anderson OL/DL 6-4 250 Belvidere, IL
Named first-team all-state. Selected to play in the Illinois State Coaches All-Star Game.

Louis Ayeni RB/DB 6-0 185 Woodbury, CT
Named first-team all-state. Holds school career records in yards (3,504) and touchdowns (47).

Ray Bogenrief TE/DE 6-5 232 Cedarburg, WI
Rated the No. 8 tight end prospect by *RivalryNet*. Had 32 rec. for 515 yds. and 11 TDs in 1998.

Chris Brown RB/DB 6-3 205 Naperville, IL
SuperPrep All-American. Rushed for 1,250 yds. and 15 TDs as a senior. Runs a 10.9 in the 100 meters.

Vince Cartaya FB/LB 6-4 225 Miami, FL
SuperPrep All-American and Elite 100 player. Two-time all-state. Recorded more than 300 career tackles.

Jalson Cook WR/DB 6-0 175 Duquesne, PA
Two-time *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* first-team all-area. Forced four fumbles and had five INTs last season.

Matt Danielson QB 6-2 220 Rochester, MI
Named honorable mention all-state. Completed over 60 percent of his passes last season.

Pat Durr FB/LB 6-2 225 St. Charles, IL
All-region by *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep*. Recorded 112 tackles and two INTs in 1998.

Regis Elier FB/LB 6-1 225 Minneapolis, MN
USA Today honorable mention All-American. *SuperPrep* and *Tom Lemming* All-American.

Brandon Evans RB/DB 5-11 185 Acworth, GA
PrepStar All-American. Tallied 92 tackles and five INTs and rushed for 1,246 yds. and seven TDs in 1998.

Ronnie Foster WR/DB 6-3 195 Peoria Heights, IL
All-state selection. Rushed for 1,386 yds. and 27 TDs. Runs a 10.7 in the 100 meters.

Austin King OL/DL 6-4 265 Cincinnati, OH
Named first-team all-state. Graded out at 93 percent on offense and recorded 67 tackles as a senior.

Zak Kustok QB 6-1 212 Orland Park, IL
Transfer from Notre Dame. Has three years of eligibility remaining.

Derek Martinez OL/DL 6-6 255 San Jose, CA
First-team all-conference. Finished sixth in the state in the shot put.

Carl Matejka OL/DL 6-5 280 Houston, TX
Named a *Houston Chronicle* Top 10 Area Offensive Lineman. First-team all-district as a junior and senior.

Gabe Nyenhuis OL/DL 6-4 245 St. Charles, IL
SuperPrep All-American. All-state selection. Recorded 76 tackles and forced six fumbles in 1998.

Kunle Patrick WR/DB 6-1 195 Brooklyn, NY
SuperPrep All-Northeast region. Recorded 87 catches for 1,570 yds. in his career. A native of Trinidad.

Mark Roush RB/DB 6-1 185 Richmond, VA
PrepStar All-ACC region. Rushed for 1,160 yds. and 15 TDs as a junior. Lost his senior year due to injury.

Jon Schweghardt WR/DB 5-10 170 Wheaton, IL
Tom Lemming All-American. All-state selection. Caught 93 passes for 1,577 yds. and 24 TDs as a senior.

George Woods OL/DL 6-2 270 La Mirada, CA
SuperPrep All-American. *Los Angeles Times* Dream Team. Recorded career totals of 35 sacks and 199 tackles.

Eric Worley TE/DE 6-4 245 Marshfield, MA
Ranked the 11th best tight end in the nation by *SuperPrep*. Runs a 11.5 in the 100 meters. Caught 12 balls for 250 yds. and two TDs last year.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (7)

WR 18	Teddy Johnson (Jr., 1)	81	Rob Johnson (Jr., 1)
LT 56	Mike Souza (Jr., 1)	67	Leon Brockmeier (Jr., 1)
LG 64	Jon Walters (So., 0)	71	Jack Hamedy (Sr., 2)
C 52	Adam Fay (Jr., 1)	57	Ty Garner (Sr., 2)
RG 70	Brian Hemmerle (Sr., 2)	77	Lance Clelland (Jr., 1)
RT 53	Blake Henry (So., 1)	65	Ryan Friedrich (Sr., 2)
TE 84	Jay Tant (Sr., 3)	89	John Cerasani (Sr., 0)
QB 14	Gavin Hoffman (Jr., 1)	13	Nick Kreinbrink (Jr., 0)
FB 3	Ian Miller (Sr., 1)	48	Chris Stiernagle (So., 0)
TB 20	Damien Anderson (Jr., 1)	32	Sam Simmons (So., 1)
WR 7	Aaron Burrell (Sr., 2)	85	Phil Miller (Sr., 1)

DEFENSE (7)

LE 95	Dwayne Missouri (Sr., 1)	93	Pete Konopka (Jr., 1)
LT 78	Darryl Hodge (Sr., 2)	92	Javiar Collins (Sr., 1)
RT 99	Jeff Dyra (Sr., 2)	97	Gladston Taylor (Sr., 0)
RE 94	Salem Simon (Jr., 1)	96	Andrew Wimsatt (So., 0)
LB 43	Preston Letts (Sr., 2)	2	Kevin Bentley (So., 1)
LB 47	Conrad Emmerich (Sr., 2)	51	Chris Jones (So., 0)
LB 8	Napoleon Harris (Jr., 1)	44	Billy Silva (So., 1)
CB 6	Harold Blackmon (Sr., 2)	33	Chasda Martin (So., 0)
CB 1	Shgun Cummings-John (Jr., 1)	11	Gerald Conoway (Sr., 3)
SS 4	Mycal Jones (Jr., 2)	25	Marvin Brown (Jr., 0)
FS 24	Rashad Morton (Sr., 2)	31	Kyle Sanders (Sr., 3)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 39	Tim Long (Sr., 0)
P 42	J.J. Standing (Jr., 1)
KR 32	Sam Simmons (So., 1)
PR 7	Aaron Burrell (Sr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Gavin Hoffman, 176-323-2,199-14, 13 TDs
Rushing: Damien Anderson, 164 car., 537 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Jay Tant, 30 rec., 327 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Damien Anderson, 4 TDs, 24 points
Punting: J.J. Standing, 78 punts, 41.5 avg.
Kicking: Tim Long, 2-2 XP
Tackles: Preston Letts, 73, 46 solo
Sacks: Jeff Dyra, 4
Interceptions: Gerald Conoway/Harold Blackmon, 2

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Miami (Ohio)
Sept. 11	TCU
Sept. 18	at Duke
Sept. 25	at Purdue
Oct. 2	Minnesota
Oct. 9	at Indiana
Oct. 16	Iowa
Oct. 30	Wisconsin
Nov. 6	at Michigan
Nov. 13	Michigan State
Nov. 20	at Illinois

Rising Star

Sam Simmons is a superstar in the making, but no one can figure out where to play him. He led the Big Ten in kickoff returns (27.6-yard avg.) and averaged 26.4 yards per catch. But his natural position is running back, where he racked up 124 yards on 31 carries.

So the Ohio State Buckeyes failed — again — in their pursuit of the national title, but something fantastic did happen. The program that has tended to sputter at the bitter end managed to win their regular-season finale (vs. Michigan) and bowl game (vs. Texas A&M in the Sugar Bowl) in the same season for the first time since 1982.

The 11-1 Buckeyes finished second in the national polls for the second time in three years and were, arguably, the best team in college football at the end of last season. Their unfortunate collapse midway through the third quarter at home against Michigan State allowed a 15-point lead to slip away,



Na'il Diggs

and the national championship slipped away with it.

Coach John Cooper is 97-33-4 at Ohio State, second in wins only to the legendary Woody Hayes, and his Buckeyes have had at least 10 victories each of the last four years.

To achieve that kind of success again, Cooper will have to replace nine starters, including three All-Americans and quarterback Joe Germaine. The source of Cooper's success, however, is his ability to play young players early and often. So when one hole appears, he has someone ready to fill it.

"We are used to losing great players every year," Cooper says. "And we are used to recruiting great players to replace the ones we lose."

Oh. So that's how it's done.

quarterbacks

After a couple of years of a two-quarterback rotation, Germaine took over last year, offered stability, set some records and nearly led the Buckeyes to a national title. But Germaine is gone, and two sophomores have been battling for the starting job

this year. It appears lefty Steve Bellisari has it. Bellisari became a fan favorite last year as the Buckeyes' co-Special Teams Player of the Year. He also practiced at strong safety.

Not to be underestimated is Austin Moherman, a classic drop-back passer with a strong arm. Bellisari's strength, however, is his ability to scramble, and even Moherman considers his competition more of a pure athlete.

running backs

In six of the last nine years, the Buckeyes have produced a 1,000-yard rusher. One of those was Michael Wiley, who gained 1,235 yards last season and returns for his final year. Wiley is tough and quick and displays remarkable moves. He is a workhorse, as evidenced by his six 100-yard games last season, including a 209-yard effort against Missouri. Wiley also is a threat as a receiver and was third on the team with 27 catches for 200 yards.

Two-year senior starter Matt Keller is back at full-back. Although at 6-feet, 238 pounds he isn't the biggest at his position, he is a punishing blocker.

receivers

David Boston and Dee Miller are in the NFL now, and that leaves the Buckeyes in a jam. Or does it?

It might take some getting used to, but try it — Germany and Rambo. Junior Reggie Germany was the third-best wide receiver last season but he missed two games with a collarbone injury. He also runs the 110-meter high hurdles, which says plenty about his athleticism. Junior Ken-Yon Rambo will start at flanker. Rambo, who is coming off ankle problems, is quick and graceful and keeps getting better.

Senior tight end Steve Wisniewski has soft hands, but he has spent most of his three seasons as a blocking tight end.

offensive linemen

Only right tackle Brooks Burris is missing from the group of five starters. The remaining four, three of whom are seniors, average a puny 6'5", 297 pounds, and likely filling Burris' vacancy is delicate Henry Fleming, a 6'7", 305-pound junior. Fleming has had assorted injuries and illnesses, but he did play in 10 games last year.

Left tackle Tyson Walter, a junior, is a 25-game starter. Left guard Rob Murphy is a two-time All-American, and the only way he'll make it three times is by staying eligible; Cooper held Murphy out of spring drills while he worked on his academics. Kurt Murphy is a two-year starter at center, and then there's right guard Ben Gilbert, voted by the coaches as the top lineman last season.

defensive linemen

The line is set and solid with the return of four starters and all their backups. Brent Johnson and

Joe Robbins

Joe Robbins



Michael Wiley



Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 16 — at Penn State

Ohio State is 2-2 at Beaver Stadium.

Nov. 6 — at Michigan State

The Buckeyes are usually thinking about that other team from Michigan at this point in the season, but a dismal quarter and a half against the Spartans a year ago cost them a national title. Revenge would be sweet.

Nov. 20 — at Michigan

OSU is on a roll — a one-win roll. The last time the Buckeyes won two straight against their archrivals was in 1981 and 1982.

fill Winfield's huge shoes. Berry, considered the best pure athlete in the backfield, offers big-play potential, while Plummer would like to give the Buckeyes a second-straight Thorpe Award. He had a team-best 17 pass breakups last season and four interceptions.

specialists

This could be the Buckeyes' biggest question mark. Brent Bartholomew, their four-year starting punter, is gone. Kicker Dan Stultz returns and has been inconsistent and was hampered all season by a bulging disc in the lower back. Stultz missed spring practice but will be ready for the season.

Rambo will return kicks again, after averaging 20 yards a return last year, and Wiley might also see time here again. Boston handled most of the punt returns last season, but Rambo might inherit those duties as well.

Rob Murphy

Rodney Bailey are the ends, and Ryan Pickett and Joe Brown are the tackles. Johnson was named the team's best lineman last season, a sophomore year in which he had a team-high seven sacks. Bailey, a junior, is a 16-game starter who finished the final four games last season with eight tackles for loss.

Brown, a junior, is one of the Buckeyes' quickest linemen, and he should be even more effective this season now that he's had surgery on his left thumb. Pickett became a starter the third game last season as a freshman and never gave up the job. The Buckeyes seem to have almost too much experience, if that's possible. Among the backups is end Matt LaVrar, an 11-game starter in 1997.

10

The number of weeks the Buckeyes spent as the nation's No. 1-ranked team last season. They watched that ranking slip away when their 15-point lead over Michigan State midway through the third quarter disintegrated in an upset.

linebackers

There are two major holes in a corps that helped make the Buckeyes the No. 1 team in the country against the run. Middle linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer, a three-year starter and Butkus Award winner, left with a year of eligibility remaining, and Jerry Rudzinski, the

emotional leader of the defense, is gone. Returning to reap the headlines is junior Na'il Diggs, a first-team All-Big Ten selection last year who had 80 tackles and six sacks. Senior Chris Kirk likely will take over for Katzenmoyer, although sophomore Jason Ott will make a run. Kirk, however, has seen a bit more playing time as Katzenmoyer's backup the last three years.

Sophomore Courtland Bullard sat out last season with a medical redshirt, but he possesses the speed for the outside spot to replace Rudzinski.

defensive backs

Free safety Gary Berry and cornerback Ahmed Plummer, both seniors, return from what many considered the finest secondary in the country. But gone are Thorpe Award-winning cornerback Antoine Winfield and three-year starting strong safety Damon Moore. Senior Percy King, a big hitter who has played in 27 games and blocked three kicks, will replace Moore. Sophomore Nate Clements became the nickel back in the final six games last season and will try to

Outside the Huddle

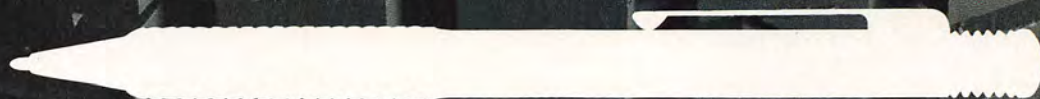
Buckeye Blur That's what his newspaper back home in San Diego calls senior tailback Michael Wiley. Last season, Wiley gained 1,235 yards on 198 carries, third-fewest carries by an OSU 1,000-yard rusher.

Roarin' '90s Ohio State has staked its claim as one of the best programs of the decade with an 85-23-3 record (.779 winning percentage). The Buckeyes have been most impressive in the second half of the decade, with a 62-12-1 record the last six years (.833).

Perfect 10 Furthering the claim to greatness, OSU is one of four programs to win at least 10 games each of the last four years. The Buckeyes are keeping good company with Florida State, Florida and Tennessee.

Kicking it off The Buckeyes must enjoy opening their season in East Rutherford, N.J., because for the third time, they will play in the Kickoff Classic. They will meet the Miami Hurricanes for only the second time. OSU won the only meeting, 10-0, to open the 1977 season.

2-8-1 It would be difficult not to mention the recent improvement in coach John Cooper's record against Michigan. The Buckeyes' victory last season was only his second against the hated rivals.



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1998 Record: 11-1
Big Ten Record: 7-1

Head Coach
John Cooper

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53	Douglas, Ivan	T	6-6	300	So.	University Hts., OH
96	Eisenhardt, Tony	TE	6-7	265	Jr.	Tiffin, OH
78	Elford, Drew	C/G	6-4	300	Sr.	Garfield, NJ
2	Erickson, Chad	K	6-0	175	Fr.	Gross Ile, MI
75	Fleming, Henry	T	6-7	305	Jr.	Manning, SC
80	Germany, Reggie	SE	6-2	195	Jr.	Hazelwood, MO
64	Gilbert, Ben	G	6-5	295	Sr.	Lancaster, OH
29	Grant, Cie	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	New Philadelphia, OH
3	Groom, Andy	P/K	6-1	180	Fr.	Columbus, OH
65	Gurr, Mike	G	6-7	270	Jr.	Hamilton, OH
93	Homa, Randy	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	Pottsville, PA
55	Hopkins, Tam	G	6-5	295	Jr.	Winter Park, FL
87	Houser, Kevin	TE	6-3	250	Sr.	Westlake, OH
66	Jacobs, Mike	C	6-2	285	So.	Maumee, OH
60	Johnson, Brent	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Kingston, ON
23	Keller, Matt	FB	6-0	238	Sr.	Mason, OH
17	King, Percy	SS	6-4	210	Sr.	Columbus, OH
44	Kirk, Chris	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Westerville, OH
38	Klaban, Eric	K	5-10	167	Fr.	W. Bloomfield, MI
70	Kuhnlein, Scott	OL	6-6	285	Fr.	Fort Thomas, KY
48	LaVrar, Matt	DE	6-3	250	Sr.	Maumee, OH
18	Locke, Tony	FL	5-10	185	Jr.	Urbana, OH
59	Long, Paris	DT	6-6	320	So.	Columbus, OH

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39	Martin, Jamar	FB	6-1	235	So.	Canton, OH
69	Massey, Jim	T	6-5	285	So.	Brecksville, OH
10	May, Brian	TE	6-3	230	Jr.	Columbus, OH
3	Mitchell, David	CB	6-1	195	Jr.	Westerville, OH
50	Mitchell, Nick	LB	6-1	240	Fr.	Columbus, OH
12	Moherman, Austin	QB	6-5	215	So.	Mission Viejo, CA
21	Moore, Charles	DB	5-10	205	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
63	Murphy, Kurt	C	6-4	290	Sr.	Columbus, OH
56	Murphy, Rob	G	6-5	300	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
25	Nickey, Donnie	DB	6-3	203	Fr.	Plain City, OH
30	Ott, Jason	LB	6-4	240	So.	Cincinnati, OH
86	Payne, Marvin	TE	6-3	250	So.	Columbus, OH
72	Perez, Marcus	DE	6-3	240	Jr.	Medina, OH
97	Peterson, Kenny	DE	6-4	250	Fr.	Canton, OH
79	Pickett, Ryan	DL	6-3	290	So.	Zephyrhills, FL
19	Plummer, Ahmed	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Wyoming, OH
83	Provitt, Vanness	SE	6-3	200	Jr.	Warren, OH
71	Pulfer, Ben	T	6-6	270	So.	Sidney, OH
99	Queen, Heath	DT	6-5	275	So.	Medina, OH
4	Rambo, Ken-Yon	FL	6-1	190	Jr.	Cerritos, CA
7	Ross, Derek	CB	6-1	190	So.	Rock Hill, SC
89	Sanders, Darnell	TE	6-6	265	Fr.	Warrensville Hts., OH
26	Schabo, Andrew	P	6-1	220	Fr.	Worthington, OH
34	Simpson, Greg	FS	6-1	205	So.	Worthington, OH
74	Smith, Eric	T	6-6	330	Jr.	Columbus, OH
47	Stultz, Dan	K	6-0	205	Jr.	Orrville, OH
95	Thompson, David	DT	6-5	280	Fr.	Paterson, NJ
77	Walter, Tyson	T	6-5	305	Jr.	Bainbridge, OH
81	Warnke, Darik	SE	6-0	196	Jr.	Aurora, OH
90	Wayne, Clinton	DT	6-3	275	Jr.	Brampton, ON
28	Wells, Jonathan	RB	6-1	220	So.	River Ridge, LA
27	Westbrooks, Jerry	TB	6-2	225	Jr.	Boca Raton, FL
84	Wisniewski, Steve	TE	6-5	265	Sr.	Timberlake, OH
5	Wiley, Michael	TB	6-0	195	Sr.	Spring Valley, CA
62	Woodard, Lonnie	DT	6-2	280	So.	Dayton, OH
57	Yeast, Julius	DL	6-5	280	Fr.	Harrodsburg, KY

1999 Signees

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Tim Anderson DL 6-4 270 Clyde, OH
 Selected first-team Division III All-Ohio. Recorded 59 tackles and seven sacks as a senior.

Bryce Bishop OL 6-5 310 Miami, FL
 A USA Today first-team All-America. The No. 8 offensive lineman in the nation according to SuperPrep.

Ricky Bryant WR 6-1 165 Farmington Hills, MI
 The state's 3rd best prospect by the Detroit Free Press. Caught 51 passes for 951 yds. in 1998.

Drew Carter WR 6-4 187 Solon, OH
 Averaged 27.0 yards per catch as in 1998, his only season as a varsity player. Honorable mention all-district.

Adrien Clarke OL 6-5 310 Shaker Hgts., OH
 Selected first-team Division I All-Ohio in 1998. A Top 10 offensive line prospect in the nation by TNRA.

Curtis Crosby DB 5-11 175 Columbus, OH
 A USA Today honorable mention All-America. TNRA's No. 2 rated defensive back in the nation.

Michael Doss DB 6-0 185 Canton, OH
 Selected first-team Division I All-Ohio. Has a school record 14 career INTs.

Richard Hall RB 6-0 205 Wyoming, OH
 Rushed for 7,376 yds. and scored 121 TDs during his prep career. Rushed for 2,855 yds. in 1998.

Maurice Harris WR 6-2 200 Jacksonville, FL
 Caught 52 passes for 900 yds. and 14 TDs as a senior. Top 100 prospect overall by TNRA.

Ben Hartsock TE 6-4 250 Chillicothe, OH
 Selected first-team Division IV All-Ohio. Recorded 86 rec. for 1,562 yds. during his career.

Jesse Kilne RB 6-2 210 Columbus, OH
 Rushed for 1,100 yds. and 15 TDs in 1998 despite injuries. USA Today honorable mention All-America.

Craig Krenzle QB 6-4 215 Utica, MI
 The 6th best prospect in Michigan by the Detroit News. Passed for 1,760 yds. and 20 TDs in 1998.

Maurice Lee WR 5-10 170 Cleveland, OH
 Option quarterback who was recruited as a receiver. No. 9 player in the Midwest by the Detroit Free Press.

Kelton Lindsay RB 6-1 195 Lebanon, OH
 Selected first-team Division III All-Ohio as a senior after rushing for 1,500 yds. and 16 TDs.

Scott McMullen QB 6-4 195 Granville, OH
 Threw for 6,100 yds. during his prep with 58 TD-passes. First-team Division IV All-Ohio.

Richard McNutt DB 6-0 175 Park Forest, IL
 Considered one of the Top 5 defensive backs prospects in the nation by TNRA and SuperPrep.

Pat O'Neill LB 6-4 215 Cuyahoga Falls, OH
 The Ohio Division III Defensive Player of the Year in 1998. Tallied 93 solo tackles and six sacks last year.

Fred Pagac Jr. LB 6-2 230 Dublin, OH
 The son of Ohio State defensive coordinator Fred Pagac. Top 10 linebacker prospect nationally by TNRA.

B.J. Sander P/K 6-3 195 Cincinnati, OH
 Recruited as a punter, but could have the opportunity to kick down the road. First-team Division III All-Ohio.

Nate Stead FB 6-0 255 Marion, OH
 Managed to gain 500 yds. in eight games after missing four games due to an injury in 1998.

Fred Sturupp DL 6-4 270 Plantation, FL
 Considered a Top 10 defensive line prospect by TNRA. Recorded 100 tackles and 15 sacks in 1998.

Ziyler Walker DB 6-1 195 Paterson NJ
 Spent last season at Fork Union Military Academy. Posted 47 solo tackles and one INT in 1997.

Matt Wilhelm LB 6-5 240 Elyria, OH
 Selected first-team Division IV All-Ohio in 1998. Recorded 100 tackles and 22 sacks last season.

Matt Zahn OL 6-7 360 St. Henry, OH
 Honorable mention All-Midwest selection by the Detroit Free Press.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (6)

SE 80 Reggie Germany (Jr., 2)	81 Darik Warnke (Jr., 1)
LT 77 Tyson Walter (Jr., 2)	69 Jim Massey (So., 0)
LG 56 Rob Murphy (Sr., 3)	65 Mike Gurr (Jr., 2)
C 63 Kurt Murphy (Sr., 3)	68 LeCharles Bentley (So., 1)
RG 64 Ben Gilbert (Sr., 3)	70 Scott Kuhnlein (Fr., 0)
RT 75 Henry Fleming (Jr., 2)	55 Tam Hopkins (Jr., 2)
TE 84 Steve Wisniewski (Sr., 2)	87 Kevin Houser (Sr., 3)
QB 8 Steve Bellisari (So., 1)	12 Austin Moherman (So., 0)
FB 23 Matt Keller (Sr., 3)	39 Jamar Martin (So., 1)
TB 5 Michael Wiley (Sr., 3)	43 Derek Combs (Jr., 2)
FL 4 Ken-Yon Rambo (Jr., 2)	18 Tony Locke (Jr., 0)

DEFENSE (7)

DE 94 Rodney Bailey (Jr., 2)	48 Matt LaVrar (Sr., 3)
DT 79 Ryan Pickett (So., 1)	90 Clinton Wayne (Jr., 2)
DT 73 Joe Brown (Jr., 2)	98 Mike Collins (So., 1)
DE 60 Brent Johnson (Jr., 1)	52 James Cotton (Sr., 1)
LB 32 Na'il Diggs (Jr., 2)	10 Joe Cooper (Jr., 1)
LB 44 Chris Kirk (Sr., 3)	30 Jason Ott (So., 1)
LB 58 Courtland Bullard (So., 1)	49 Tim Cheatwood (So., 1)
CB 20 Nate Clements (So., 1)	3 David Mitchell (Jr., 2)
CB 19 Ahmed Plummer (Sr., 3)	7 Derek Ross (So., 1)
SS 17 Percy King (Sr., 2)	25 Donnie Nickey (Fr., 0)
FS 1 Gary Berry (Sr., 3)	3 David Mitchell (Jr., 2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 47 Dan Stultz (Jr., 2)
P B.J. Sander (Fr., 0)
KR 4 Ken-Yon Rambo (Jr., 2)
PR 4 Ken-Yon Rambo (Jr., 2)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
 Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: none
Rushing: Michael Wiley, 198 car., 1,235 yds., 10 TDs
Receiving: Michael Wiley, 27 rec., 200 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Dan Stultz, 13 FGs, 53 XP, 92 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Dan Stultz, 13-25 FGs, 53-54 XP
Tackles: Na'il Diggs, 80 tackles, 59 solo
Sacks: Brent Johnson, 7
Interceptions: Ahmed Plummer, 4 for 2 yds.

1999 Schedule

Aug. 29	Miami@
Sept. 11	UCLA
Sept. 18	Ohio
Oct. 2	Wisconsin
Oct. 9	Purdue
Oct. 16	at Penn State
Oct. 23	at Minnesota
Oct. 30	Iowa
Nov. 6	at Michigan State
Nov. 13	Illinois
Nov. 20	at Michigan

@Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium

Rising Star

Sophomore offensive lineman LeCharles Bentley is an explosive athlete who lettered last season playing mostly on kickoff coverage teams. Coaches are trying to find a way to get him on the field. He has the ability to play any position on the line.

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One by one the Nittany Lion football players trotted out at halftime of a Penn State-Indiana basketball game at the Jordan Center to receive accolades for outstanding performances last fall. The crowd responded by roaring for athletes from nearly every position. Then came quarterback Kevin Thompson. Cascades of boos followed.

Even Bob Knight got off easier.

"That was out of ignorance," linebacker LaVar Arrington says. "They just don't understand."

Nevertheless, the perception is that Penn State is loaded everywhere but quarterback. And that the team's national title hopes rest solely with a senior who has two more career picks than touchdowns.



Chafie Fields

quarterbacks

Thompson was hardly the only problem as the Nittany Lions finished 9-3 during his first year as a starter. No, he couldn't throw deep, but Joe Paterno and staff did him few favors by calling for bombs on seemingly every other snap. And his receivers didn't help the cause by dropping too many decent passes.

Thompson thrives on short stuff, which he proved in picking apart Michigan State in the regular-season finale and Kentucky in the Outback Bowl. Look for more of the same in 1999.

That's if he's the starter. In the spring, Paterno declared the job open, saying junior Rashard Casey would get "every chance to win the job, if he can beat out Kevin." Of course, Paterno made the same proclamation a year ago, and Casey barely got his uniform dirty in the regular season.

running backs

Penn State has an embarrassment of riches in the backfield, starting with super sophomore Eric McCoo. "Choo-Choo," as he is known in Happy

Valley, averaged 6.5 yards per carry as a rookie. If he can keep his academic house in order (a concern in the spring), he'll likely be the first salvo fired from Penn State's armory of backfield talent.

There's Kenny Watson, a shifty back coming off a medical redshirt. There's Omar Easy, a 245-pound sophomore who will be devastating if he finds a cure for fumble-itis. And there's Larry Johnson, a redshirt freshman who was the talk of the scout team last fall.

That's not to mention veteran Cordell Mitchell, whose career is in jeopardy due to a pinched nerve in his shoulder, or heavily hyped incoming freshman Horace Dodd.

There's not much flash at fullback, but junior Mike Cerimele is a capable blocker whose sure hands make him an effective safety valve for the quarterbacks. Aaron Harris, a senior looking to regain his explosive form after being slow to recover from knee surgery, will spell Cerimele at fullback.

receivers

Another key is developing consistency in the wideout corps. Penn State is stocked with former prep All-America receivers, but none has proven himself at the college level. As effective as he was in the Outback, Thompson had six balls dropped.

"I'm hopeful our wideouts will step to the front and be a plus for us," Paterno says.

For the moment, seniors Chafie Fields and Corey Jones are penciled in as starters. The former is a burner who does not run precise routes. The latter was considered the best high school pass catcher in the nation half a decade ago, but hasn't come close to realizing his potential at Penn State. Others in the mix include junior Sam Crenshaw and sophomore Bruce Branch, neither of whom has done anything to distinguish himself.

The only certainty about this group is that Paterno is losing patience with it, warning that "before all is said and done, one or two of those people at tailback . . . could play wideout."

Tight end Cuncho Brown will be missed for his blocking skills, but he had nearly as many muffs as catches in his career. Junior Tony Stewart got a jump on landing the starting job by hauling in seven balls in the Outback Bowl.

offensive linemen

Up front, the Nittany Lions keep getting better. They lose All-Big Ten tackle Floyd Wedderburn, but return four starters in Kareem McKenzie, who moves from guard into Wedderburn's short tackle spot, guard Greg Ransom, tackle John Blick and center Eric Cole. Two other linemen, Jordan Caruso and Gabe Tincer, have starting experience, and Josh Mitchell contributed heavily as a freshman in 1997 before redshirting.

Mitchell is the only member of this group who weighs less than 295 pounds. All are effective drive

Courtland Richards

Al Koolstra



Brandon Short



Courtney Brown

blockers. Blick had trouble protecting Thompson's blind side last season; his quickness was hampered by a knee injury.

defensive linemen

Speaking of the Outback, Penn State returns nine starters from a defense that held deadly Wildcat QB Tim Couch and company to a season-low 14 points, none of them in the final three quarters.

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Joe Paterno needs a dozen wins to tie Pop Warner for second (319) on the all-time Division I-A list. Leader Bear Bryant's record (323) won't tumble until 2000.

It's a veteran cast, many of whom should figure prominently in the 2000 draft. The only significant loss is right end Brad Scioli, but the return of left end Courtney Brown is a huge plus. Brown already has 19½ career sacks, 10½ off the school record. Justin Kurpeikis, a quick, tenacious junior, moves into Scioli's old spot.

Last year's starting tackles, senior David Fleischhauer and sophomore Bob Jones, both return. But Jones is now assigned as a backup end, with senior Imani Bell stationed inside.

linebackers

The high-flying Arrington, PSU's first sophomore All-American since 1915, starts at

one outside linebacker post. When he blitzes, which he does often, he and Brown become the most athletic pass-rushing tandem in the nation. They're probably as good as some NFL combos.

Seniors Brandon Short and Mac Morrison complete what many folks believe is the best linebacking corps in the history of "Linebacker U." Short is ferocious in the middle, and Morrison mans the other outside spot, doing the dirty work (covering tight ends and backs, taking on offensive linemen) that allows Arrington to shine.

defensive backs

It's more of the same in the secondary, a senior-laden unit led by standout corner David Macklin. Paterno calls Macklin the best cover man in school history. Opponents know it, too, which is why they pick on smallish Anthony King on the opposite side. But King came into his own midway through 1998 and finished with a flourish, making 11 tackles to go along with two interceptions and a fumble recovery against Kentucky.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 18 — at Miami

Oct. 16 — Ohio State

Nov. 13 — Michigan

With one of the most challenging schedules in the nation, you could circle practically any game, save Akron. But look forward to home dates with Ohio State and Michigan, which waxed the Lions by a combined score of 55-9 in 1998. Can Penn State stop its slow slide toward the middle of the Big Ten pack? We'll know after these showdowns. The road to a possible national title leads through Miami, where the Hurricanes are returning to their Team-of-the-'80s form.

Askari Adams takes over for the departed Shawn Lee at free safety, backed up by junior James Boyd, the team's most vicious hitter. Derek Fox returns at hero with Titcus Pettigrew in reserve. Both are seniors.

specialists

Two seniors will make the kicking game another strong point for Penn State. Punter Pat Pidgeon has a career average of 42 yards, and has had one punt blocked in 131 attempts. Placekicker Travis Forney rebounded from an inconsistent regular season to hit four of five field goal tries in the Outback.

The slippery Branch again will return punts, though catching the ball is often an adventure. Backup wide receiver Eddie Drummond is slated for kickoff return duty.

Outside the Huddle

Well, they're young to him Joe Paterno laments the youth of this club, which is laughable, considering 19 starters and 44 lettermen return. But the players know better. "We're mature now, we're vets," junior linebacker LaVar Arrington says.

Razing Arizona? Penn State plays host to Arizona in the Pigskin Classic this year. The Nittany Lions have not lost a regular-season game to a West Coast team in an East Coast stadium since falling at home to UCLA (24-22) in 1965.

Catch as catch can Last season marked the first time since 1989 that no Nittany Lion made at least 31 catches. It also marked the first time since 1990 that no Lion had at least 800 receiving yards.

Happy New Year Penn State has appeared in eight straight January bowl games, posting a 6-2 record in that period. When Paterno has a month or more to prepare, he usually wins, which is good news if the Lions make it to New Orleans.

Big Two no longer The Lions hold a conference record of 36-12 for their first six seasons in the Big Ten. Only Ohio State has a better mark (39-8-1) in that stretch.

1999 Penn State Roster

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Big Ten Record: 5-3

Head Coach
Joe Paterno

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26	Delich, Steve	WR	6-1	183	Fr.	Loveland, CO
93	Diller, Brent	TE	6-1	223	Fr.	Chambersburg, PA
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21	Finney, Shamar	LB	6-2	232	So.	Shelby, NC
95	Fleischhauer, David	DT	6-3	273	Sr.	Clemmons, NC
19	Floyd, Antwan	QB	6-1	197	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
14	Forney, Travis	K	5-9	161	Sr.	Mill Hall, PA
4	Fox, Derek	Hero	5-11	202	Sr.	Canton, OH
49	Gainor, Erik	DB	6-0	187	Fr.	Camp Hill, PA
40	Gatten, Aaron	LB	6-1	232	Sr.	Washington, PA
90	Gholston, T.J.	DE	6-3	289	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
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94	Kielmeyer, Marc	DE	6-6	253	Jr.	Westerville, OH
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39	Liebert, Matt	TE	6-3	217	Fr.	Indianola, PA
91	Luke, R.J.	FB	6-3	235	So.	Aurora, IL
27	Macklin, David	CB	5-9	199	Sr.	Newport News, VA
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67	McKenzie, Kareem	T	6-7	320	Jr.	Willingboro, NJ
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32	Mitchell, Cordell	TB	6-0	198	Sr.	Syracuse, NY
75	Mitchell, Josh	G	6-4	289	So.	Doylestown, PA
31	Morrison, Mac	LB	6-1	241	Sr.	Port Orchard, WA
53	Petigout, Mark	DB	5-11	217	Fr.	Georgetown, DE
9	Pettigrew, Titcus	Hero	6-0	213	Sr.	Winston-Salem, NC
41	Pidgeon, Pat	P	5-10	202	Sr.	Mayfield, PA
29	Pinckney, Ryan	LB	5-10	200	Fr.	Frederick, MD
56	Pursley, Jim	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	West Chester, PA
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64	Schmitt, Matt	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Allison Park, PA
4	Senneca, Matt	QB	6-3	221	Fr.	Allentown, PA
43	Short, Brandon	LB	6-3	255	Sr.	McKeesport, PA
62	Spano, Francis	C	6-1	285	Jr.	Bellmore, NY
65	Stankewicz, Rich	G	6-3	287	Sr.	West Chester, PA
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Gino Capone **RB/LB 6-2 232** **Ashland, PA**
As a senior, he rushed for 1,207 yds. and 14 TDs and had 13 catches for 167 yds. and a TD. All-American fullback by *TNRA*. Tallied 200 career tackles.

Dave Costlow **DE/G 6-4 255** **Lansdale, PA**
Tallied 76 tackles and eight sacks as a senior. Consensus All-American. Named the 5th best offensive and defensive lineman by *Parade*.

Horace Dodd **RB/DB 6-2 205** **Hamden, CT**
Rushed for 1,789 yds. and 26 TDs as a sophomore and earned Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year. Last fall, he gained 2,167 yds. and scored 25 TDs.

Terrence Glover **RB/LB 5-11 230** **Trenton, NJ**
Rushed for 1,104 yds. and scored 14 TDs on offense and totaled 116 tackles on defense last season. All-state pick. *Trenton Times* Player of the Year.

Keith Jenkins **OL 6-5 315** **Chardon, OH**
Jenkins originally signed with Penn State in 1998, but a torn muscle in his right leg pushed him to delay the start of his college career to this season.

Bryant Johnson **WR/DB 6-3 205** **Baltimore, MD**
Caught 97 passes for 2,298 yds. and scored 31 TDs in his career. *PrepStar* Dream Team member. Baltimore Touchdown Club's Offensive Player of the Year.

Damone Jones **OL/DL 6-5 315** **Philadelphia, PA**
Runs a 5.0 in the 40. An all-state selection on offense. Tallied 100 career tackles. Didn't take up football until his sophomore year.

Bryan Scott **ATH 6-2 205** **Buckingham, PA**
Rushed for nearly 3,000 career yds. in his career. Rushed for 1,252 yds. and scored 13 TDs last fall. He also had 17 rec. for 242 yds. and two TDs. *Parade*, *Tom Lemming*, *SuperPrep* and *TNRA* All-American.

Deryck Toles **RB/DB 6-1 200** **Warren, OH**
An ankle sprain limited the 1998 season for Toles. He finished with 464 rushing yds. and 25 tackles. As a junior, he rushed for 1,127 yds. and had 11 TDs.

Ricky Upton **RB 6-0 230** **Dandridge, TN**
Rushed for 4,864 career yds., scored 45 TDs and caught 24 passes for 299 yds. in his career. *TNRA* All-American. First-team all-state.

Yaakov Yisrael **WR/DB 6-1 175** **Palatine, IL**
Tallied 20 catches for 636 yds. last year, but saw action at tailback, rushing for a team-best 586 yds. while totaling 51 tackles on defense. *Chicago Sun-Times* Super 25 selection.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (8)

SE 7	Corey Jones (Sr., 1)	13	Sam Crenshaw (Jr., 1)
LT 67	Kareem McKenzie (Jr., 2)	68	Jason Bisson (So., 0)
LG 50	Gabe Tincher (Sr., 3)	74	Jordan Caruso (Jr., 2)
C 51	Eric Cole (Sr., 3)	62	Francis Spano (Jr., 0)
RG 55	Greg Ransom (Jr., 1)	65	Rich Stankewicz (Sr., 1)
RT 78	John Blick (Sr., 3)	60	Tyler Valoczi (Fr., 0)
TE 89	Tony Stewart (Jr., 2)	84	Garrett Watkins (Jr., 1)
FL 2	Chafie Fields (Sr., 3)	1	Bruce Branch (So., 1)
QB 16	Kevin Thompson (Sr., 1)	12	Rashard Casey (Jr., 1)
FB 36	Mike Cerimele (Jr., 1)	25	Aaron Harris (Sr., 3)
TB 8	Eric McCoo (So., 1)	32	Cordell Mitchell (Sr., 3)

DEFENSE (9)

LE 86	Courtney Brown (Sr., 3)	94	Marc Kielmeyer (Jr., 1)
LT 95	David Fleischhauer (Sr., 3)	88	Jason Wallace (Jr., 1)
RT 57	Imani Bell (Sr., 2)	74	Tim Falls (Fr., 0)
RE 37	Justin Kurpelkis (Jr., 2)	96	Bob Jones (So., 1)
LB 11	LaVar Arrington (Jr., 2)	40	Aaron Gatten (Sr., 3)
LB 43	Brandon Short (Sr., 3)	52	Maurice Daniels (Sr., 3)
LB 31	Mac Morrison (Sr., 3)	58	Eric Sturdiven (Jr., 2)
LC 27	David Macklin (Sr., 3)	24	Mike Johnson (Fr., 0)
RC 19	Anthony King (Sr., 3)	10	Bhawoh Jue (Jr., 1)
H 4	Derek Fox (Sr., 3)	9	Titcus Pettigrew (Sr., 2)
FS 18	Askari Adams (Sr., 3)	6	James Boyd (Jr., 2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 14	Travis Forney (Sr., 2)
P 41	Pat Pidgeon (Sr., 2)
KR 20	Eddie Drummond (So., 0)
PR 1	Bruce Branch (So., 1)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Kevin Thompson, 121-226-1,691-8, 6 TDs
Rushing: Eric McCoo, 127 car., 822 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Corey Jones, 27 rec., 368 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Travis Forney, 20 FGs, 29 XP, 89 points
Punting: Pat Pidgeon, 59 punts, 42.6 avg.
Kicking: Travis Forney, 20-29 FGs, 29-30 XP
Tackles: Brandon Short, 67, 49 solo
Sacks: Courtney Brown, 11.5
Interceptions: David Macklin, 6 for 120 yds.

1999 Schedule

Aug. 28	Arizona
Sept. 4	Akron
Sept. 11	Pittsburgh
Sept. 18	at Miami
Sept. 25	Indiana
Oct. 9	at Iowa
Oct. 16	Ohio State
Oct. 23	at Purdue
Oct. 30	at Illinois
Nov. 6	Minnesota
Nov. 13	Michigan
Nov. 20	at Michigan State

Rising Star

Redshirt freshman defensive tackle Jimmy Kennedy is 6'5", 350 pounds. Not only that, but he's also fast and mean, according to those who watched him on the scout team last fall.

Linebacker U. Class of 2001

Penn State's LaVar Arrington

By Mark Brennan

LaVar Arrington was in class last winter when an argument flared up a few rows back. Penn State's All-America linebacker couldn't help but eavesdrop. After all, the disagreement was about him.

"That's LaVar," an excited young man noted, trying to whisper.

"Nah, that's not him," another fellow countered, struggling to prevent his voice from carrying. "LaVar's a lot bigger than that."

Larger than life, it seems. Even if the second-most popular athletic figure in Happy Valley (trailing only his coach) appears to be little more than a mild-mannered student once he strips off the gridiron gear.

"People think I'm bigger than I am," the junior says. "When I'm walking around campus, they're not sure who I am. They think I'm a football player, but they're not sure. I guess I look normal in my street clothes."

Of course, "normal" is a relative term. A lean 6'3", 232-pounder, Arrington is hardly a giant, especially compared to some of his mammoth teammates. It's what he does with that package that sets him apart.

Like tearing through the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds and elevating more than 40 inches from a standstill. In other words, he's faster than a speeding running back and able to leap tall linemen in a single bound.

That's not hype. There's videotape to prove it. Testimony from opposing coaches, too.

"He's unbelievable," Illinois' Ron Turner said last season, after watching Arrington literally fly over his offensive front to stymie a fourth-down conversion attempt. "His athletic ability is second to none."

As Arrington ran roughshod over his team, Minnesota's Glen Mason stopped him near the sideline, grabbed him by the shoulder pads and jokingly asked him to transfer. Then Mason got serious. "I just told him how much I enjoy the way he plays."

Even cynics in the media believe. Arrington's weekly teleconferences are now can't-

miss events for beat writers. The *Tampa Tribune* went so far as to label him Superman before Penn State's Outback Bowl encounter with Kentucky.

He was a Butkus Award nominee before he ever started a college game, a semifinalist midway through his sophomore year. He was the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in a season when future pros like Andy Katzenmoyer and Antoine Winfield were playing. He was the first All-America linebacker at "Linebacker U." in nearly a decade, the first Nittany Lion sophomore to receive All-America honors in 83 years.

Penn State assistant coach Tom Bradley had heard about young LaVar Arrington before laying eyes on him.

"People talked about this kid as an eighth-grader, that he was dunking over the high school guys. The only other guy I knew who could do that was me,

and that was on a seven-foot rim," Bradley cracks. "LaVar was on a 10-foot rim."

Yet as one of Joe Paterno's top recruiters for more than 15 years, Bradley had

developed a skepticism for tales of such athletic prowess. More often than not they turned out to be embellished. But when he saw Arrington play as a 6'1", 180-pound freshman at North Hills High in Pittsburgh, he became a believer. Bradley went to the game to recruit a senior on the opposing team.

"Just as I got there the ball was being kicked off and this guy ran it back about 55 yards," Bradley says. "I said, 'Who the heck is that?' I had never seen him, but when he went off I said that's got to be LaVar. I would have recruited him right there. You could see the movement, the ability, the acceleration. It caught my eye right off the bat."

His athletic ability was a mixed blessing in his early years. When parents of classmates complained that he was too big and active to play with their kids in elementary school, his mother and father sent him to an inner-city district. He didn't return to North Hills until junior high.

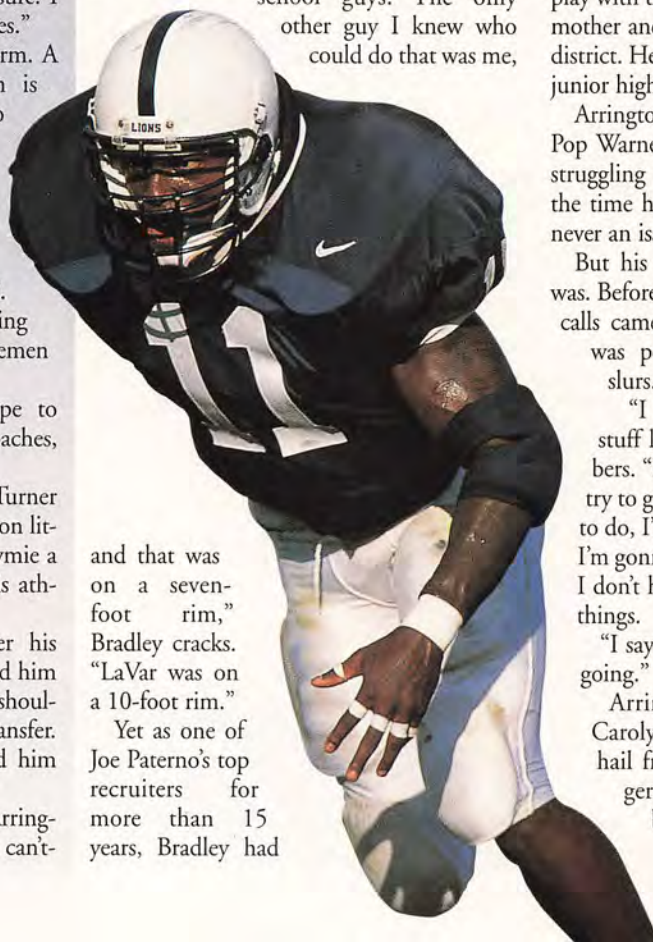
Arrington's father also pulled him from a Pop Warner football league when he began struggling to make weight. Fortunately, by the time he got to high school, weight was never an issue.

But his African-American heritage often was. Before certain important games, vicious calls came to the Arrington home. LaVar was peppered with taunts and racial slurs.

"I had people egg my house and stuff like that, crank calls," he remembers. "People resort to things like that to try to get an edge. If that's what they have to do, I'm not gonna lower my standards. I'm gonna try to continue to be a class act. I don't hate people for trying to do those things."

"I say a little prayer for them and keep going."

Arrington's parents, Michael and Carolyn, have always been close. They hail from the same street in the dangerous Homewood area of Pittsburgh. "They grew up tough," LaVar says.



Especially his dad.

When he was 19, Michael Arrington lost both legs after being run over by a tank in South Vietnam. These days, he's an ordained minister at a Pittsburgh church. Carolyn is a special education teacher.

Their ability to persevere through raising older brother Michael and younger brother Eric as well as LaVar has served as inspiration to the middle child. Arrington knows how many of his teammates come from broken homes, and counts himself lucky to have had the support of a stable family.

"We've always lived in a comfortable situation," he says. "We've always had the support not only of my mother and father, but my grandparents. My mother's parents are still alive and together. My father's parents are still alive and together. I have a lot of uncles who are involved. It's like a community thing. You don't get that too much these days."

The family ties are part of the reason he landed at Penn State. As a child, Arrington dreamed of playing at Florida State. But when it came time to pick a college, he opted to go somewhere closer to home so his relatives could attend games.

He had dozens of offers before his senior season even began. In fact, he committed to the Nittany Lions before his junior year was complete. Arrington (and his parents) traveled to Happy Valley on an unofficial visit in late March, at which point Bradley realized he was recruiting much more than a super athlete.

"You sensed the sincerity," Bradley remembers. "There was a lot of warmth in him and his family. He cared about people in a genuine sense. It all comes from that family. They're wonderful people."

That's not to understate Arrington's athletic ability. He competed on the same AAU basketball team as current Denver Nugget Danny Fortson, touring the United States and abroad. He gave up hoops to concentrate solely on football as a senior. It paid off. He became the first running back in Pennsylvania AAAA history to rush for more than 4,000 career yards, and was named *Parade* Player of the Year in 1996.

He was a can't-miss prospect if there ever was one.

Though a tremendous two-way player in high school, there was never any question about which side of the ball would draw



Peter Brouillet

Arrington's services at Penn State. Finding an exact position was another matter. Bradley coaches the Lion defensive backs, so he pushed for, and got, Arrington as a true freshman. Bradley stationed him at strong safety.

Bad move. Arrington had more than enough speed for the secondary, but not the correct demeanor.

"I screwed him up," Bradley admits. "There is no part of his game where he is not aggressive. Playing in the secondary, you can't always be that way. If you jump on something there, it can end in a hurry. At linebacker, he's got time to recover."

"We had him back there two and a half weeks before we moved him to linebacker. We moved him so late that he didn't have a chance to get caught up on everything."

So even though the rookie turned heads with spectacular hits on special teams, and even though starting OLBs Aaron Collins and Jim Nelson both had substandard senior seasons, Arrington spent most of his time on the bench.

"When I got in there, I showed that I could play with them," Arrington says. "I didn't play as much as I should have, but I didn't have a problem with that. It was a learning year."

Last season was a learning year, too, but in a different way. On sheer athletic ability alone, Arrington deserved to be the starter. But that's not how things work at Penn State.

"We put him through a tough period of time where nothing came easy," defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky says. "When he hurt, when he was dead tired, we made him practice and perform and concentrate,

because that's not his inclination. . . . He never had to fight through anything like that. He's so gifted he could rely on his physical ability."

More than a few former prep stars have cracked under Paterno's boot camp approach. But not Arrington. Not even when the coaches started Aaron Gatten ahead of him in the season-opener against Southern Mississippi.

Sure he was frustrated, but he didn't let it break him.

"The Penn State way is to be downplayed," Arrington says. "Once you realize that and you understand it, you don't have a problem with it. I understood what was going on and I just played my game."

Did he ever play his game. He became a starter in the second week of the season and quickly became a

human highlight film. There was the interception return for a score against Bowling Green, the soaring pick against Pitt. Against Ohio State, he bolted across the backfield to drag down burner Michael Wiley from behind. One TV replay of his stunning leap against Illinois showed him dropping in from the top of the screen to land atop full-back Elmer Hickman.

Meanwhile, the PSU defense went from the laughing stock of the Big Ten in 1997 to a force that didn't allow any backs to rush for more than 100 yards in 1998.

"We knew we had to get him on the field in some capacity," Bradley says. "He was a difference-maker who could get to the ball and make things happen."

Yet while the rest of the world raved about Arrington, Paterno continued to pooh-pooh the hype, saying repeatedly the sophomore wasn't even the best linebacker on the team. Expect more of the same in 1999, even though Arrington is a preseason favorite to win the Butkus Award and figures to be a high first-round draft pick next spring if he chooses to bypass his final year of eligibility.

He's not made that decision yet. In fact, he says he's not given it any serious thought. Arrington is too busy enjoying his time as a big man on campus to worry about the NFL.

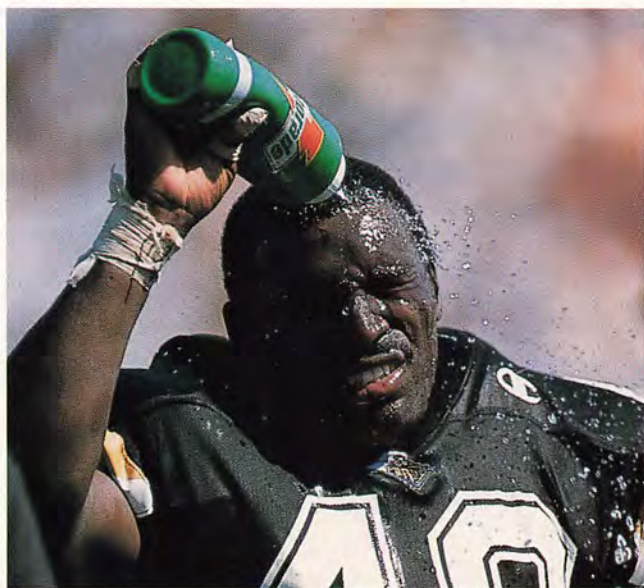
People may not recognize him in street clothes, but there will be no mistaking him on the field.

"I will do better than last season," he says. "That's not a hypothesis, it's not foreshadowing. I'm not sitting here trying to tell the future. It's just a fact."

Not that Purdue coach Joe Tiller hasn't been tested during his first two seasons with the Boilermakers, but his remarkable 18-7 record is missing something. Something along the lines of, say, Ohio State and Michigan.

Tiller and the Boilers no longer have the luxury of avoiding the two teams that have won or shared the Big Ten title the last two seasons. To make matters worse, they'll face them back-to-back to open October. Make that "Black October," considering Purdue then goes home to face Michigan State and Penn State in what has to be one of the most hellish months for any Big Ten team.

"That's a tremendous challenge we're all looking



Willie Fells

forward to," quarterback Drew Brees says of facing Michigan and OSU. "It's a chance to show that we can compete with the big boys and that we belong."

Brees returns for his junior season after he proved he belonged, re-writing league record books last year. He guided the Boilermakers to a 9-4 season and a second-straight bowl victory.

Tiller wants to run the ball more this year, but that doesn't mean the end of his wide-set, one-back offense. Oh, no. Brees will have plenty opportunity to air it out, and as Brees goes, so go the Boilermakers.

quarterbacks

Brees for Heisman. Brees for Heisman. If you haven't read it yet, you'll read it plenty this year. In his first full season as a starter last year, Brees threw for 3,753 yards and 36 touchdowns, more than any quarterback ever in the Big Ten. After Brees set an NCAA record for attempts and tied another for completions against Wisconsin, going 55-for-83, Tiller joked that his star quarterback actually has a bionic arm.

"This guy has thrown the ball better than anybody we've had in this system," Tiller says. "I'm not quite there yet, but I'm about ready to say he's the best we've ever had."

Brees had off-season surgery to remove extra bone growth from the outside of his foot, but he was fully recovered by the start of spring practice.

running backs

Senior J. Crabtree and sophomore Dondre Johnson didn't exactly turn heads last year, but it wasn't their fault. The Boilermakers have featured a pass-happy offense since Tiller arrived, but things will be changing.

Crabtree and Johnson shared the running chores at tailback, and they'll be doing so again this year. Crabtree had 140 carries for 602 yards, while Johnson, who has good size and quickness, added 442 yards. Redshirt freshman Steve Ennis was impressive during winter conditioning and spring drills and will get a chance this fall.

receivers

Brees put up those gaudy numbers, and someone had to be catching all those passes. But that still wasn't good enough as far as Tiller was concerned. He has complained that there were too many dropped passes, something that continues to trouble him entering a new season.

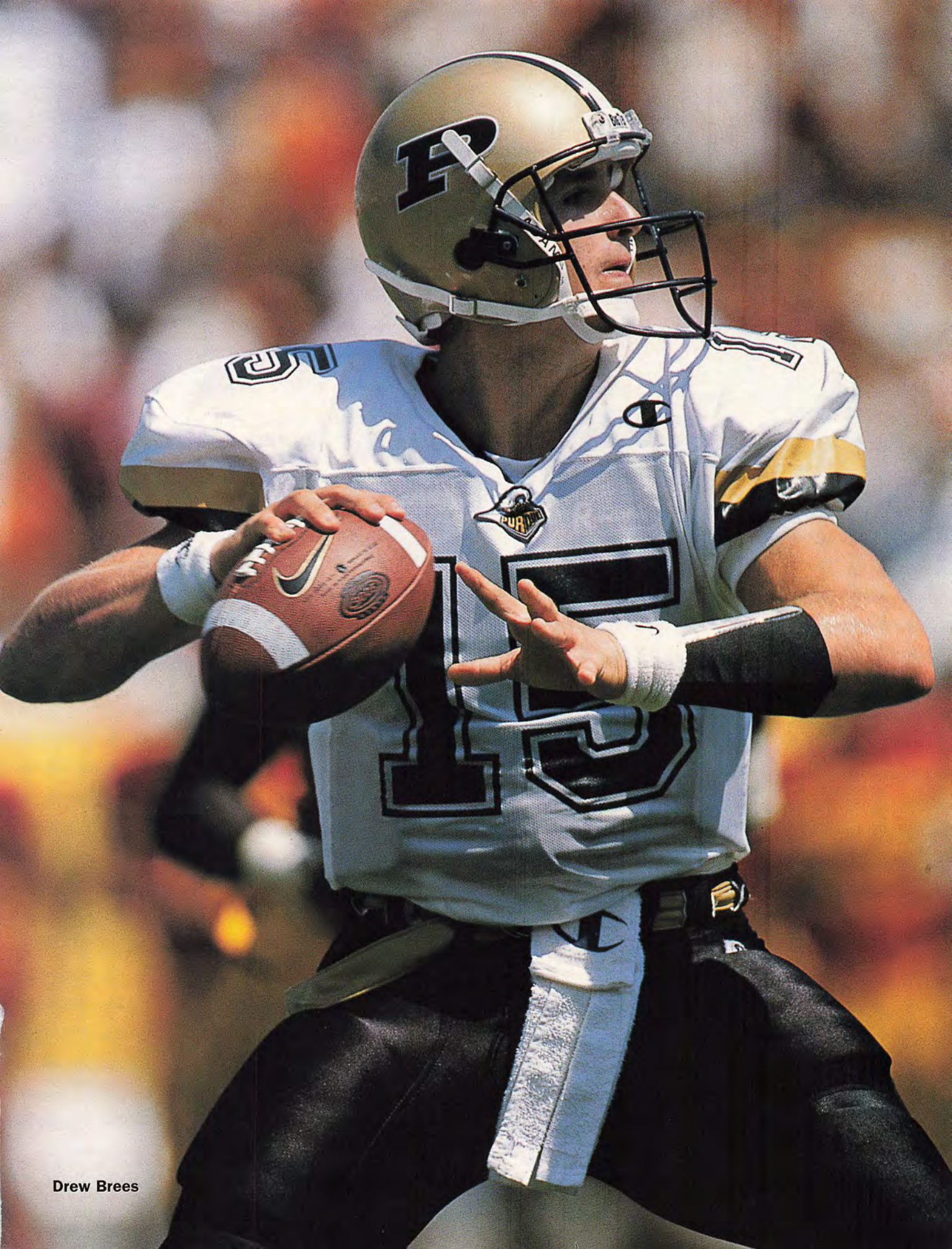
"Our receiving corps has got to become more consistent," Tiller says. "We don't have what we consider a go-to guy. I'd like to see someone step up and become the guy."

That guy will be senior Randall Lane, who had 64 receptions last season (second on the team) and a team-leading 72-yards-per-game average. He averaged 14 yards a reception and scored seven touchdowns. Senior Chris Daniels and junior Vinny Sutherland are slated for starting jobs, and this could be a breakthrough year for the NFL-sized Daniels.

Sophomore tight end Tim Stratton, fifth in receptions last season, is coming off shoulder surgery. Pending his recovery, sophomore Chris Randolph will start, with redshirt freshmen Pete Loughheed and Doyal Butler providing depth. Those tight ends will enable the Boilermakers to diversify their offense this season and give defenses more to worry about than a stretch-the-field passing attack.

offensive linemen

Tiller wants to run the ball more this year — Purdue averaged 116 yards rushing last season — and will implement two- and three-tight end sets as part of a power running game. Otherwise, the Boilermakers return a veteran line anchored by two-year starting center Jim Niedrach. The line did what it should do well and gave Brees solid protection, surrendering only 16 sacks.



Drew Brees



Randall Lane

defensive linemen

While the offense garnered all the headlines last season, it was the Purdue defense that quietly got the job done. Certainly, it was the defense that made the difference in the Alamo Bowl upset of Kansas State.

But the Boilers must replace some key players, including ends Roosevelt Colvin and Chike Okeafor, who combined for 23 of the team's 30 sacks. Junior Warren Moore appears poised to take over one end spot. Junior Brian Dinkins, who is slightly undersized (239 pounds) likely will start at the other. Senior David Nugent returns at right tackle, and sophomore Matt Mitrione will start at left tackle.

4,000

That's the minimum number of yards Drew Brees intends to throw for this season. He was just shy of that mark last year with 3,983 and 39 touchdowns (including the Alamo Bowl). This year he'd like to be the 4,000/40 man.

linebackers

Linebackers and defensive linemen were the recruiting focus of Tiller's incoming freshman class, and that's clearly where the needs are. There are still some question marks here, but more than likely, junior-college transfer Akin Ayodele will take over one

of the spots. Tiller likes his ability to play end, but needs his size and quickness more at linebacker.

Starting middle linebacker Willie Fells led the team in tackles a year ago with 100. Junior Mike Rose missed the spring because of baseball but is in line for a big year. Jason Loerzel started six games and was fourth on the team in tackles.

The hope is that all the work Purdue has done with its two-tight end set has also improved the run defense. Time will tell.

defensive backs

Billy Gustin and Henry Bell, who accounted for seven of the team's 16 interceptions, are gone, but senior Adrian Beasley returns at strong safety and offers stability. He was the team's second-leading tackler with 69 and tied for third in interceptions with two. Senior Lamar Conard, a former walk-on, had four pass break-ups and returns at free safety behind Ben Smith.

At the corners are junior Chris Clopton and senior Da'Shann Austin.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 11 — Notre Dame

Two years later, and the Irish are still smarting from their loss at Ross-Ade Stadium in Tiller's first season. Notre Dame barely escaped, 31-30, last year.

Oct. 2 — at Michigan

The Wolverines have won 13 of the last 15 meetings, but they're still thinking about the last time these teams met. Purdue played Spoilermakers and won 9-3 at home.

Oct. 9 — at Ohio State

The Boilers haven't won in the Shoe since 1988.

Oct. 23 — Penn State

A loss last season to the Nittany Lions actually jump-started Purdue's late run of five straight victories.

specialists

Senior Danny Rogers has the punting job locked up, but he's going to have to become more consistent. He averaged 40 yards last season with 16 of his 50 kicks downed inside the 20.

Sophomore Travis Dorsch was 13-of-19 on field-goal attempts. Four of his misses were long range, but he is deadly accurate inside the 40.

Vinny Sutherland will be used on punt returns. He averaged 8.2 yards last season with a long return of 21 yards. Chris Clopton is the kick returner after averaging 25 yards a return a year ago.

Outside the Huddle

Nice to see you again The Boilermakers' victory over Kansas State in the Alamo Bowl propelled them to a No. 24 ranking in the final AP poll. It was the first time since 1979-80 the Boilers finished ranked two years in a row. They were No. 15 at the end of 1997.

Greek to me Forget the great arms, leadership ability, and winning ways. What's the most important thing Drew Brees and former Purdue quarterbacks Bob Griese, Bob DeMoss, Mark Herrmann and Jim Everett have in common? They've all been members of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Rocky Mountain low Even though Tiller signed a contract extension last December that takes him through the 2005 season, the rumor mill was churning when Rick Neuheisel left Colorado. Tiller was among those mentioned as a candidate for the job. The rumors proved so annoying, Tiller finally had to issue a statement he wasn't going anywhere.

Remember the Alamo OK, sure, the bowl trips have been nice, but consecutive visits to the Alamo Bowl? Purdue beat Oklahoma State, 33-20, in that bowl in 1997 and Kansas State last year. Roses, of course, would be the preferable option.

Making an impact Of all current Big Ten coaches, Tiller's 18-7 mark is the best by a coach in his first two seasons.

1999 Purdue Roster

1998 Record: 9-4
Big Ten Record: 6-2

Head Coach
Joe Tiller

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
55	Allen, Ian	T	6-4	279	Jr.	Fairburn, GA
33	Austin, Da'Shann	CB	5-10	179	Sr.	Liberty, MO
7	Beasley, Adrian	SS	6-0	194	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
42	Botts, Brent	DT	6-3	264	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
15	Brees, Drew	QB	6-1	212	Jr.	Austin, TX
36	Brown, Sedrick	RB	6-2	225	So.	Victoria, TX
26	Buergler, Carl	DB	6-0	190	So.	Hobart, IN
12	Bunten, Aaron	K	5-9	180	Jr.	Danville, IN
85	Butler, Doyal	TE	6-4	215	Fr.	Tucson, AZ
2	Clopton, Chris	DB	5-7	159	Jr.	Lynwood, IL
22	Conard, Lamar	DB	5-10	200	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
34	Crabtree, J.	RB	5-9	201	Sr.	Wichita, KS
20	Daniels, Chris	WR	6-3	202	Sr.	Clearwater, FL
99	Davies, Kurt	DE	6-3	247	Jr.	Evansville, IN
96	Decker, Mike	LB	6-3	228	Fr.	Brownsville, IN
50	Dinkins, Brian	DE	6-2	239	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
38	Doe, Brady	DB	6-1	189	Jr.	Tucson, AZ
30	Dorsch, Travis	K	6-6	192	So.	Bozeman, MT
28	Dunnigan, James	CB	5-9	179	Fr.	Washington, DC
10	Edgerton, David	QB	6-2	213	Jr.	Liberty, MO
43	Ennis, Steve	RB	6-0	211	Fr.	Flower Mound, TX
40	Fells, Willie	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Palatka, FL
87	Foggio, Rocco	DT	6-4	276	Jr.	Farmington, MI
83	Ganaway, Alan	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
10	Gaudin, Bryan	K	6-2	185	So.	Evansville, IN
18	Getz, Jon	DB	6-1	180	So.	Grabill, IN
95	Goatley, Jody	DE	6-4	252	Jr.	Hickory, KY
77	Gorin, Brandon	T	6-6	285	Jr.	Muncie, IN
11	Hawthorne, Michael	CB	6-3	195	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
97	Holloway, Jon	DT	6-4	292	Sr.	Phoenix, AZ
25	Jackson, Cliff	WR	5-10	178	Jr.	Chico, CA
29	Jacuary, Bryan	DB	5-7	166	Jr.	Decatur, IN
24	Johnson, Dondre	RB	6-0	213	So.	Kokomo, IN
72	Kirkpatrick, Josh	C	6-1	268	So.	Veederburg, IN
68	Kitchel, Kelly	OL	6-6	280	Fr.	Walton, IN
66	Koppen, Brian	G	6-6	320	So.	Carpentersville, IL
31	Korines, Jim	DB	5-10	181	So.	Joliet, IL
2	Kurz, Scott	K/P	6-1	187	So.	Bloomington, IL
84	Lane, Randall	WR	6-1	205	Sr.	Chicago, IL
57	Lee, Ray	LB	6-1	240	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
78	Light, Matt	T	6-4	283	Jr.	Greenville, OH

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
88	Loerzel, Jason	LB	6-3	212	So.	Park Ridge, IL
93	Lougheed, Pete	TE	6-5	248	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN
29	Lowe, Montrell	RB	5-9	177	Fr.	LaPorte, TX
41	Ludwig, Matt	TE	6-0	254	Jr.	Lemont, IL
39	Middlebrook, Cornell	LB	6-2	232	Fr.	Detroit, MI
86	Miles, Cortez	WR	5-10	181	So.	Irving, TX
52	Miller, Max	LB	6-5	249	Fr.	Fairmount, IN
98	Mitrione, Matt	DT	6-3	286	So.	Springfield, IL
58	Moore, Warren	DE	6-2	263	Jr.	Memphis, TN
64	Morris, Seth	OL	6-9	305	Fr.	Poseyville, IN
79	Mruczkowski, Gene	OL	6-3	307	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
21	Neal, Antoine	DB	5-9	197	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
63	Niedrach, Jim	C	6-3	282	Sr.	LaGrange, GA
82	Nugent, David	DT	6-5	291	Sr.	Collierville, TN
51	Odum, Joe	LB	6-1	205	Fr.	Bethalto, IL
56	Okobi, Chukky	G	6-2	313	Jr.	Hamden, CT
81	Randolph, Chris	TE	6-5	252	So.	Memphis, TN
92	Reynolds, Eric	LB	6-3	201	So.	Grabill, IN
26	Rogers, Danny	P	5-10	205	Sr.	Sanibel, FL
4	Rose, Mike	LB	6-1	238	Sr.	Dayton, OH
94	Rufolo, Sean	DT	6-3	268	So.	Mokena, IL
12	Segard, Mike	QB	6-4	219	Fr.	Rockford, MI
69	Shelbourne, John	SNP	6-6	225	So.	Indianapolis, IN
80	Simpson, A.T.	WR	6-5	204	So.	Indianapolis, IN
17	Smith, Ben	FS	6-3	195	So.	Chadron, NE
60	Standiford, Andy	SNP	6-1	207	Jr.	North Judson, IN
19	Starling R'Kes	CB	5-8	169	So.	Arlington, TX
75	Starnes, Aaron	G	6-3	289	Sr.	Shawnee, KS
89	Stratton, Tim	TE	6-4	234	So.	Oak Brook, IL
14	Sutherland, Vinny	WR	5-10	188	Jr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
9	Tolbert, Robert	WR	6-1	182	Sr.	Memphis, TN
22	Tone, Alex	RB	5-11	206	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
18	Turner, Ralph	DB	6-2	202	Fr.	Dallas, TX
91	Turner, Rob	DT	6-4	284	Fr.	Kirtland, OH
48	Upshur, Tim	LB	6-2	206	So.	Trenton, NJ
46	Vaughan, Tom	DB	6-0	188	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
76	Webster, Joe	OL	6-6	329	Fr.	Noblesville, IN
90	Williams, Derrick	DE	6-4	297	Sr.	Houston, TX
1	Winston, Donald	WR	5-7	154	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN

1999 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Akin Ayodele **DE/LB** **6-2** **235** **Irving, TX**
 A member of Joe Tiller's first recruiting class at Purdue in 1997 but played at Coffeyville (KS) JC.

Ryan Breska **QB** **6-3** **195** **Fountain Valley, CA**
 Left-handed quarterback. Completed 128 of 255 passes for 2,098 yds. with 20 TDs and just six INTs.

Keith Dawson **WR** **6-5** **300** **Victor Valley, CA**
 All-Foothill Conference at Chaffey (CA) JC. Set school records with 45 rec. for 872 yds. and 11 TDs.

John Duggan **DE** **6-5** **225** **Hurst, TX**
 First-team all-district and honorable mention all-area as a senior. Totaled 65 tackles last season.

Vedron Dzulovic **DE** **6-3** **220** **Park Ridge, IL**
 Played defensive end and wide receiver in high school. Made a team-leading 88 tackles in 1998.

Jason Eisele **OL** **6-4** **250** **Avon Lake, OH**
 First-team all-state. District Player of the Year. Selected to play in Ohio's North-South All-Star Game.

Daniel Giles **LB** **6-2** **220** **Ponchatoula, LA**
 First-team all-state. Finished with 70 solo tackles and five forced fumbles last season.

Daameon Grier **DL** **6-2** **315** **Bloomfield, CT**
 Ranked 10th best player in New England by SuperPrep. Totaled 90 tackles and five sacks in 1998.

Chris James **WR** **5-10** **170** **Tampa, FL**
 Honorable mention all-state. Had 43 rec. for 900 yds. and 13 TDs.

Landon Johnson **LB** **6-3** **195** **Lubbock, TX**
 District Defensive MVP as a senior. Holds school record with 401 tackles.

Nick Mangosing **TE** **6-5** **265** **Glendale, AZ**
 Ranked the 70th best prospect in the West by SuperPrep. Three time all-state selection.

Kevin Nesfield **DE** **6-3** **215** **Houston, TX**
 Unanimous first-team all-district as a senior. Totaled 85 tackles. Runs a 4.7 in the 40.

Tim Olmstead **LB** **6-3** **245** **Orland Hills, IL**
 Named to five All-America teams as a senior. Totaled 220 tackles over the last two seasons.

Shaun Phillips **TE/DE** **6-3** **225** **Willingboro, NJ**
 All-state selection. Made 25 catches for 657 yds., six TDs, totaled 67 tackles and 12 sacks last year.

Melvin Scurry **LB/DB** **6-3** **205** **Lehigh Acres, FL**
 Ranked as the 73rd best player in Florida by SuperPrep. Three-year starter.

Larry Shyne **WR** **5-11** **170** **Pomona, CA**
 The nation's 13th best juco player by SuperPrep. Totaled 50 rec. for 955 yds. and 12 TDs in 1998.

Craig Terrill **DE** **6-4** **262** **Lebanon, IN**
 First-team all-state. Holds school records for sacks in a season (27) and career (36).

Daveon Walker **WR** **5-10** **165** **Ponchatoula, LA**
 Ranked the 18th best prospect in Louisiana by SuperPrep. First-team all-state at safety.

Ashante Woodyard **CB** **6-2** **200** **LaGrange, GA**
 Totaled a conference-leading 17 sacks at Garden City (KS) CC last season. Runs a 10.4 in the 100 meters.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (6)

WR 14 Vinny Sutherland (Jr., 2)	1 Donald Winston (Sr., 2)
LT 78 Matt Light (Jr., 2)	55 Ian Allen (Jr., 2)
LG 79 Gene Mruczkowski (Fr., 0)	76 Joe Webster (Fr., 0)
C 63 Jim Niedrach (Sr., 2)	72 Josh Kirkpatrick (So., 0)
RG 56 Chukky Okobi (Jr., 2)	64 Seth Morris (Fr., 0)
RT 77 Brandon Gorin (Jr., 2)	68 Kelly Kitchel (Fr., 0)
TE 81 Chris Randolph (So., 1)	93 Pete Loughheed (Fr., 0)
QB 15 Drew Brees (Jr., 2)	10 David Edgerton (Jr., 1)
RB 34 J. Crabtree (Sr., 1)	24 Dondre Johnson (So., 1)
WR 20 Chris Daniels (Sr., 3)	9 Robert Tolbert (Sr., 2)
WR 84 Randall Lane (Sr., 1)	80 A.T. Simpson (So., 1)

DEFENSE (6)

DE 50 Brian Dinkins (Jr., 0)	90 Derrick Williams (Jr., 0)
DT 98 Matt Mitrione (So., 1)	42 Brent Botts (Jr., 2)
DT 82 David Nugent (Sr., 3)	94 Sean Rufolo (So., 0)
DE 58 Warren Moore (Jr., 2)	90 Derrick Williams (Jr., 0)
LB 88 Jason Loerzel (So., 1)	4 Mike Rose (Sr., 3)
LB 40 Willie Fells (Sr., 3)	57 Ray Lee (Sr., 3)
LB Akin Ayodele (Jr., 0)	51 Joe Odum (Fr., 0)
CB 2 Chris Clopton (Jr., 2)	11 Michael Hawthorne (Sr., 2)
CB 33 Da'Shann Austin (Sr., 1)	28 James Dunnigan (Fr., 0)
SS 7 Adrian Beasley (Sr., 3)	38 Brady Doe (Jr., 1)
FS 17 Ben Smith (So., 1)	22 Lamar Conard (Sr., 3)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 30 Travis Dorsch (So., 1)
P 26 Danny Rogers (Sr., 3)
KR 2 Chris Clopton (Jr., 2)
PR 14 Vinny Sutherland (Jr., 2)

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Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Drew Brees, 336-516-3,753-17, 36 TDs
Rushing: J. Crabtree, 140 car., 602 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Randall Lane, 64 rec., 915 yds., 7 TDs
Scoring: Travis Dorsch, 13 FGs, 44 XP, 83 points
Punting: Danny Rogers, 43 punts, 40.1 avg.
Kicking: Travis Dorsch, 13-19 FGs, 44-46 XP
Tackles: Willie Fells, 100, 62 solo
Sacks: Matt Mitrione and Jason Loerzel, 2
Interceptions: Michael Hawthorne, 2 for 65 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	at Central Florida
Sept. 11	Notre Dame
Sept. 18	Central Michigan
Sept. 25	Northwestern
Oct. 2	at Michigan
Oct. 9	at Ohio State
Oct. 16	Michigan State
Oct. 23	Penn State
Oct. 30	at Minnesota
Nov. 6	Wisconsin
Nov. 20	at Indiana

Rising Star

Akin Ayodele is a junior-college transfer who should make an impact on the defensive side at either end or linebacker. Ayodele actually was a member of Tiller's first recruiting class at Purdue but attended Coffeyville Junior College, where he was a second-team All-American last season.

Two things — the return of senior tailback Ron Dayne, plus a defense more capable of inflicting pain than two-a-days in August — make questions over Wisconsin's starting quarterback seem less urgent.

Of course, the Rose Bowl champs need to identify a dependable starter, but if he can shove the ball into the Heisman Trophy candidate's midsection, Wisconsin has bright postseason chances.

That's partly because the Badgers' defense returns largely intact, and in some ways improved, after an 11-1 season.

Now, the key is keeping the Badgers hungry after a season that surpassed expectations.



Chris Chambers

"You have to handle the intangibles," says head coach Barry Alvarez. "That will determine how far this team goes. 'We've got a chance to be in the mix.'"

quarterbacks

The much-maligned but highly effective Mike Samuel is gone, and senior Scott Kavanagh and redshirt freshman Brooks Bollinger are vying for a chance on the hot seat.

Samuel was so resilient that Kavanagh has gotten few chances to prove himself with the game on the line in the past two seasons, but when he did, he often failed to impress. He completed 15-of-28 passes for 188 yards and four touchdowns last year.

While Kavanagh is more of a dropback passer, Bollinger comes from an option background and may fit better into a UW offense that developed a taste for the option under Samuel. Bollinger was last season's scout team Player of the Year.

Both have strong arms, and the competition that began in the spring will carry over into fall camp.

running backs

The 253-pound Dayne comes into 1999 with his eye on the Heisman, the all-time Big Ten rushing mark and a shot at Ricky Williams' all-time record.

The Rose Bowl MVP ran for 246 yards in Pasadena, one short of Charles White's bowl record, and left UCLA's defense in shreds. "We had 5,000 guys in the box and still couldn't stop him," says former UCLA defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti.

His backups include junior Eddie Faulkner, who missed spring drills with shoulder surgery, and sophomore Carlos Daniels, who gained 113 yards against San Diego State when Dayne was sidelined with an ankle injury.

At fullback, the Badgers lose four-year starter Cecil Martin but replace him with sophomore Chad Kuhns, a strong blocker who played in 11 games but touched the ball just eight times last season.

receivers

Wisconsin's inability to assemble a consistent passing game masks some emerging talent at receiver. Junior split end Chris Chambers was the only player in the Big Ten to average more than 20 yards a catch (20.1), and his ratio of one touchdown for every four catches put him third nationally.

Chambers has breakaway speed that allowed him to register the Badgers' three longest plays — an 80-yard touchdown at Michigan and 60-yarders versus San Diego State and Northwestern.

Senior flanker Ahmad Merritt caught nine passes for 126 yards and will get a strong push from sophomore Nick Davis, who led the Badgers in Rose Bowl receiving with three catches for 57 yards.

Alvarez has a pair of gigantic junior tight ends in 280-pounder Dague Retzlaff and 281-pound John Sigmund. They've been largely limited to blocking chores, but the Badgers hope to make the tight ends more visible as receivers.

offensive linemen

The Badgers lose 371-pound tackle Aaron Gibson, a behemoth who could collapse the right side of the line. Competing for that spot are sophomore Brian Lamont and redshirt freshman Ben Johnson, and the competition likely won't be settled until fall.

But the rest of the line returns, led by senior left tackle Chris McIntosh, who has pro potential and will be in the chase for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award.

Junior guards Dave Costa and Bill Ferrario return for their third season, along with two-year starting center Casey Rabach, a consensus second-team all-league pick. Alvarez thinks Rabach is a potential All-American.

defensive linemen

Wisconsin is well-stocked along the defensive line, despite the departure of end Tom Burke, who

Brian Ebnor

Peter Brouillet



Ron Dayne



Chris McIntosh

led the nation with 22 quarterback sacks. Junior Ross Kolodziej steps in for Burke, moving over from tackle.

The 284-pound Kolodziej covers the 40-yard dash in 4.81 seconds, and wants to side-step comparisons with Burke. "I'm not looking at it like I have to carry tradition," he says. "I'm going to go out there and play my style of game, and things will happen."

The Badgers' other end, 231-pound junior John Favret, has the second-most tackles for loss (22) after two seasons in UW history.

Kolodziej's move creates room for sophomore Wendell Bryant at right tackle. Bryant had two sacks in the Rose Bowl, including one to end UCLA's final drive.

+32

The Badgers improved by 32 games in the last six years compared to the previous six seasons. From 1987-92, Wisconsin won 17 games. But between 1993 and 1998, UW logged 49 victories.

"Wendell's a 300-pounder who can run," Alvarez says. "When you watch film of the Rose Bowl, he jumps out at you. He's fast and versatile."

Left tackle will be anchored by former walk-on Eric Mahlik, who had 40 tackles and five tipped passes. Veteran senior Chris Janek is still available for duty at tackle.

linebackers

Seniors Chris Ghidorzi and Donnel Thompson — Wisconsin's two leading tacklers — return inside. Ghidorzi called signals on a defense that was one of four to rank in the nation's Top 10 in every category. Thompson's 109 tackles led the team.

Outside, the Badgers must replace Bob Adamov, and Alvarez thinks he's found an answer in sophomore Dan Lisowski, who played in 11 games last season and made 23 tackles. Backing him up is sophomore Bryson Thompson, Donnel's brother, who moves over from strong safety.

defensive backs

Two young cornerbacks, Mike Echols and Jamar Fletcher, silenced the skeptics as Wisconsin finished seventh nationally in pass efficiency defense.

Fletcher's seven interceptions led the nation, and he set a Big Ten record with three picks returned for touchdowns. Echols grabbed three interceptions in his rookie season, and the pair gives the Badgers their best set of corners in Alvarez's 10 seasons.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 25 — Michigan
Oct. 2 — at Ohio State

On back-to-back weekends, the Badgers meet the last two Big Ten teams to play in the Rose Bowl before Wisconsin's victory on New Year's Day 1999. Ohio State was edged out of a trip to Pasadena by UW last season on a tiebreaker.

"We have struggled at corner, and these two kids answered a lot of questions for us by making big plays," Alvarez says.

Wisconsin also has one of the Big Ten's best free safeties in hard-hitting junior Jason Doering, who registered 94 tackles, broke up six passes and intercepted three others.

Senior Bobby Myers will start at strong safety. A fixture in Wisconsin's nickel package, he replaces Leonard Taylor.

specialists

Senior kicker Vitaly Pisetsky, whose booming kickoffs were a major field position weapon, will turn his attention to scoring now that Matt Davenport is gone. Davenport's accuracy held Pisetsky to just one extra point in 1998.

All-Big Ten punter Kevin Stemke, a junior, averaged 43.8 yards in his sophomore season, just one-tenth of a yard less than the school record he set as a freshman.

The Badgers' return game received a boost from Nick Davis, whose 15.3-yard punt return average led the conference and was third in the nation. Davis returned two punts for touchdowns and set the school record for punt return yardage (427).

Outside the Huddle

Records at risk Tailback Ron Dayne needs 499 yards to pass two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin as the Big Ten's all-time rushing leader. And he needs to average 156 yards a game to pass NCAA leader Ricky Williams.

Walk this way Wisconsin has molded one of the nation's better walk-on programs, and three UW starters — defensive tackle Eric Mahlik, linebacker Donnel Thompson and free safety Jason Doering — started as walk-ons.

Wrist watch On game days, Dayne wears a wrap on his left wrist bearing the name of his 2-year-old daughter, Jada.

Weighty issues Starting defensive end John Favret, a 231-pound junior, has struggled to keep weight on and is one of the lightest defensive ends in the Big Ten. "I'll eat four meals a day, plus protein shakes," he says. "As much as I can fit in, I'll eat." His lack of girth hasn't dulled his effectiveness — in two seasons as a starter he has 16 sacks, four forced fumbles, eight pass breakups and two interceptions.

1999 Wisconsin Roster

1998 Record:
Big Ten Record:

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Head Coach
Barry Alvarez

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
81	Anelli, Mark	TE	6-5	252	So.	Addison, IL
7	Austin, Willie	WR	6-3	178	Sr.	Miami, FL
91	Bakken, Clint	DT	6-2	290	Fr.	Boulder Jct., WI
29	Bennett, Michael	TB	5-10	205	So.	Milwaukee, WI
24	Bickerstaff, Eric	RB	6-0	212	Fr.	Waukesha, WI
6	Boese, Joey	DB	5-11	167	So.	Villa Park, CA
5	Bollinger, Brooks	QB	6-2	200	Fr.	Grand Forks, ND
19	Braun, David	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Madison, WI
17	Brown, Demetrius	WR	6-3	209	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI
77	Bryant, Wendell	DT	6-4	298	So.	St. Louis, MO
59	Buenning, Matt	OL	6-5	268	Fr.	Green Bay, WI
47	Cannon, P.J.	LB	6-1	232	Fr.	Brookfield, WI
25	Carpenter, Marcus	FB	6-2	244	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
88	Chambers, Chris	WR	6-1	203	Jr.	Bedford, OH
31	Clark, Carlease	DB	6-1	187	So.	Lakeview Terr., CA
54	Costa, Dave	OL	6-5	293	Jr.	Ellwood City, PA
86	Cudd, Joe	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	River Falls, WI
66	Daley, Pat	OL	6-5	308	Sr.	Iron Mountain, MI
39	Daniels, Carlos	TB	6-1	239	So.	Farrell, PA
22	Davis, Nick	WR	5-10	174	So.	Manchester, MI
33	Dayne, Ron	TB	5-10	253	Sr.	Berlin, NJ
8	Doering, Jason	DB	6-0	201	Jr.	Rhineland, WI
41	Doering, Troy	DB	5-9	181	Fr.	Rhineland, WI
61	Duncan, Taylor	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Park Ridge, IL
36	Echols, Mike	DB	5-10	173	So.	Youngstown, OH
50	Eicher, Donny	DE	6-3	258	Sr.	Hartland, WI
4	Faulkner, Eddie	TB	5-11	197	Jr.	Muncie, IN
96	Favret, John	DE	6-4	231	Jr.	Cleveland Hgts., OH
60	Ferrario, Bill	OL	6-3	299	Jr.	Scranton, PA
2	Fletcher, Jamar	DB	5-10	167	So.	St. Louis, MO
14	Fritz, Brian	QB	6-1	185	Fr.	Mequon, WI
16	Ghidorzi, Chris	LB	6-3	237	Sr.	Wausau, WI
48	Gillen, Leu	TB	6-1	219	Fr.	Racine, WI
49	Greisen, Nick	LB	6-2	232	So.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
73	Gribowski, Joe	OL	6-6	313	Jr.	Mosinee, WI
42	Herbert, Ben	LB	6-4	231	So.	McDonald, PA
65	Hilgemann, Luke	OL	6-8	310	Fr.	Stratford, WI
11	Hughes, Devery	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
76	Jakubowski, Josh	OL	6-6	324	Jr.	Schofield, WI
58	Janek, Chris	DT	6-2	274	Sr.	Granite City, IL
72	Johnson, Al	OL	6-4	289	Fr.	Brussels, WI

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64	Johnson, Ben	OL	6-7	319	Fr.	Brussels, WI
56	Jowers, Jason	OL	6-6	310	Fr.	Libertyville, IL
12	Kavanagh, Scott	QB	6-4	214	Sr.	Naperville, IL
24	King, Donte	DB	5-10	183	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
19	Knight, Roger	LB	6-2	239	Jr.	Queens Village, NY
78	Kolodziej, Ross	DT	6-3	284	Jr.	Stevens Point, WI
41	Kuhns, Chad	FB	6-1	242	So.	Bellevue, OH
71	Lamont, Brian	OL	6-8	316	So.	Browtown, WI
45	Lisowski, Dan	OLB	6-1	220	So.	Menomonee Falls, WI
98	Mahlk, Eric	DT	6-3	263	Jr.	Green Bay, WI
30	Marks, Ryan	DB	6-1	212	Jr.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
43	McGrew, Delante	OLB	6-4	223	So.	Brooklyn, OH
75	McIntosh, Chris	OL	6-7	307	Sr.	Pewaukee, WI
1	Merritt, Ahmad	WR	5-10	194	Sr.	Chicago, IL
85	Mittelstaedt, Doug	DL	6-1	286	Fr.	Reedsburg, WI
31	Mueller, Nick	FB	6-1	259	So.	Plymouth, WI
9	Mueller, Sam	DE	6-5	252	Jr.	Fond du Lac, WI
26	Myers, Bobby	DB	6-2	183	Sr.	Hamden, CT
36	Newton, Brad	TE	6-4	237	Fr.	Baldwin, WI
20	Pisetsky, Vitaly	K	5-10	224	Sr.	New York, NY
67	Polkoski, Jeff	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Brule, WI
94	Pratt, George	DT	6-5	304	So.	Chicago, IL
70	Rabach, Casey	OL	6-5	287	Jr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
2	Reed, Earl	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
87	Retzlaff, Dague	TE	6-8	280	Jr.	Crystal, MN
53	Roell, Rob	OL	6-5	260	Sr.	Iron Mountain, MI
15	Rosga, Tim	DB	6-0	214	Sr.	Roseville, MN
85	Sigmund, John	TE	6-6	281	Jr.	Sewell, NJ
18	Simmons, Ryan	DB	5-11	182	Fr.	Verona, WI
86	Solowid, Mike	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	Hartland, WI
99	Sprague, Jake	DE	6-4	279	So.	Oak Creek, WI
14	Stemke, Kevin	P	6-2	186	Jr.	Green Bay, WI
52	Stephan, Terry	OL	6-3	296	Fr.	Richfield, WI
32	Thompson, Bryson	LB	6-1	209	So.	Madison, WI
44	Thompson, Donnel	LB	6-0	235	Sr.	Madison, WI
38	Unertl, Matt	RB	5-10	214	Jr.	Sussex, WI
21	Whyte, Conroy	WR	5-7	155	So.	Boston, MA
84	Williams, Roosevelt	WR	6-1	164	Fr.	Cleveland, OH
5	Winds, Troy	DB	5-11	181	Fr.	East Orange, NJ

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Name POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Isaac Booker RB 5-10 255 Lake Butler, FL
Made the Jacksonville Times Union Super 24 squad as a senior at Union County. First-team all-state.

Byron Brown WR 6-0 175 Sicklerville, NJ
South Jersey Offensive Player of the Year as a senior. Ranked the 6th best athlete in the east by PrepStar.

Wendell Davidson RB 5-10 230 Detroit, MI
Top 50 player in the midwest by the Detroit News. Gained 1,700 yards as a senior.

Morgan Davis OL 6-7 285 Barron, WI
Member of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Top 20 Senior Prospects.

Sal DiMucci FB 6-0 225 Barrington Hills, IL
SuperPrep, PrepStar, and Tom Lemming All-Midwest choice at Loyola Academy.

Lee Evans WR 5-11 165 Bedford, OH
Top 50 player in the Midwest by Tom Lemming, PrepStar and SuperPrep. Averaged 29.0 yards on 20 receptions and scored eight TDs as a senior.

Nana Gillett-Spilo RB 5-11 195 Chesilhurst, NJ
PrepStar All-Eastern region running back. Career total of 3,339 yds. (7.4 per carry).

Travis Jack LB 6-0 220 Green Bay, WI
One of the Top 75 prospects in the Midwest according to Tom Lemming.

David Lantigua K 6-0 175 Casselberry, FL
Ranked the 4th best kicking prospect in the SEC region according to PrepStar.

Jeff Mack LB 6-0 220 Madison, WI
All-Midwest player by Tom Lemming and SuperPrep. Credited with 137 tackles last year as an all-stater.

Jesse Mayfield DE 6-6 245 Indianapolis, IN
Tom Lemming All-America. Made the Bloomington Herald Times "Top 33" all-star squad.

Jim Sorgi QB 6-5 180 Fraser, MI
One of the Top 20 players in the Midwest by Tom Lemming. His 92 completions in 1998 set a school record formerly held by Toronto pitcher Pat Hentgen.

Jael Speights FB 6-1 230 Zion, IL
Ranked 24th nationally among running backs by Tom Lemming. Has run a 10.7-second 100.

B.J. Tucker DB 5-11 170 Bayside, WI
SuperPrep All-America. Wisconsin 1998 track Athlete of the Year by the coaches association.

Rob Tucker TE 6-4 235 Fort Wayne, IN
Rated as one of the Top 75 players in the Midwest by Tom Lemming. Two-time all-state selection.

Stephon Watson FS 6-3 195 Elkton, MD
All-region choice by Tom Lemming and PrepStar. Broke up 11 passes and intercepted three others last year. Also averaged 22 yds. per reception.

Scott Willie QB 6-3 200 Oconomowoc, WI
Top 50 prospect in the Midwest by PrepStar and SuperPrep. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel all-state selection and second-best prospect in the state.

Broderick Williams RB 6-0 180 Needville, TX
PrepStar All-Big 12 region pick. Has run a 10.5 in the 100. Only ran in one game this season, 24 car. for 240 yds. due to injury.

Lance Young WR 6-2 175 Florissant, MO
All-Midland region selection by Tom Lemming and PrepStar. Caught 45 passes for 960 yds. with 10 TDs in 1998.

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SE 88 Chris Chambers (Jr., 2)	21 Conroy Whyte (So., 0)
LT 75 Chris McIntosh (Sr., 3)	56 Jason Jowers (Fr., 0)
LG 60 Bill Ferrario (Jr., 2)	52 Terry Stephan (Fr., 0)
C 70 Casey Rabach (Jr., 2)	72 Al Johnson (Fr., 0)
RG 54 Dave Costa (Jr., 2)	53 Rob Roell (Sr., 2)
RT 71 Brian Lamont (So., 0)	64 Ben Johnson (Fr., 0)
TE 87 Dague Retzlaff (Jr., 2)	85 John Sigmund (Jr., 2)
FL 1 Ahmad Merritt (Sr., 3)	22 Nick Davis (So., 1)
QB 12 Scott Kavanagh (Sr., 3)	5 Brooks Bollinger (Fr., 0)
FB 41 Chad Kuhns (So., 1)	25 Marcus Carpenter (Sr., 3)
TB 33 Ron Dayne (Sr., 3)	4 Eddie Faulkner (Jr., 2)

DEFENSE (8)

LE 96 John Favret (Jr., 2)	9 Sam Mueller (Jr., 2)
LT 77 Wendell Bryant (So., 1)	58 Chris Janek (Sr., 3)
RT 98 Eric Mahlik (Jr., 2)	94 George Pratt (So., 1)
RE 78 Ross Kolodziej (Jr., 2)	99 Jake Sprague (So., 1)
LB 16 Chris Ghidorzi (Sr., 3)	49 Nick Greisen (So., 1)
LB 44 Donnel Thompson (Sr., 3)	42 Ben Herbert (So., 1)
LB 45 Dan Lisowski (So., 1)	32 Bryson Thompson (So., 1)
LC 36 Mike Echols (So., 1)	24 Donte King (Jr., 2)
RC 2 Jamar Fletcher (So., 1)	6 Joey Boese (So., 1)
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Passing: Scott Kavanagh, 15-28-188-1, 4 TDs
Rushing: Ron Dayne, 295 car., 1,525 yds., 15 TDs
Receiving: Chris Chambers, 28 rec., 563 yds., 7 TDs
Scoring: Ron Dayne, 15 TDs, 90 points
Punting: Kevin Stemke, 72 punts, 43.8 avg.
Kicking: Vitaly Pisetsky, 1-1 XP
Tackles: Donnel Thompson, 109, 65 solo
Sacks: John Favret, 8
Interceptions: Jamar Fletcher, 7 for 145 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Murray State
Sept. 11	Ball State
Sept. 18	at Cincinnati
Sept. 25	Michigan
Oct. 2	at Ohio State
Oct. 9	at Minnesota
Oct. 16	Indiana
Oct. 23	Michigan State
Oct. 30	at Northwestern
Nov. 6	at Purdue
Nov. 13	Iowa

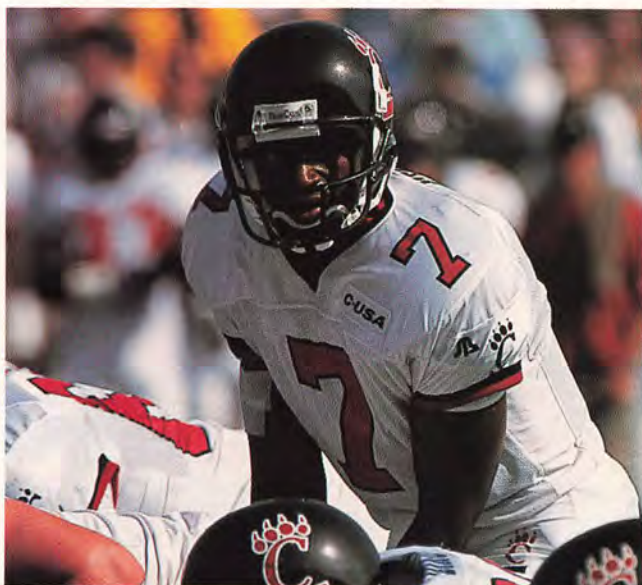
Rising Star

Redshirt freshman Brooks Bollinger will make a serious challenge for Wisconsin's starting quarterback job. Bollinger is the son of Rob Bollinger, a former offensive coordinator at North Dakota, and was the state's high school Player of the Year in 1997.

After four years of steady, continuous improvement — from 2–8–1 in 1994 to 8–4 in '97 — coach Rick Minter appeared to have the Bearcats poised for a breakthrough season in 1998.

The talent was there. With quarterback/wide receiver/all-purpose wizard Chad Plummer, punt returner extraordinaire Tinker Keck, linebacker Hassan Champion, center Brian Uhl and a punishing ground attack leading the way, dreams of a Conference USA title run seemed realistic.

But something happened on the way to the championship game. By mid-November the Bearcats were 0–9 and fighting for their lives.



Deontey Kenner

Injuries and countless defensive breakdowns contributed to the disaster.

Offensively, Cincinnati put up decent numbers. But on defense, the '98 unit finished 111th (second-to-last) nationally overall, 111th against the pass, 109th against the run and 112th — dead last — against scoring.

For Minter, the former defensive coordinator at Ball State and Notre Dame, the collapse was painful. "What was most disappointing was that there were so many seniors on our defense," he says. "That just shouldn't have happened."

Only one player who started more than four games on defense a year ago is back. Rick Smith, the defensive coordinator for 12–0 Tulane, has been placed in charge. The 46 scheme has been tossed in favor of a more conventional 4–3, allowing for more zone coverages in the secondary, and a ton (literally) of jucos have been brought in to plug the leaks up front.

On offense, quarterback Deontey Kenner and running back DeMarco McCleskey displayed

unlimited potential as youngsters, and the line is in solid shape. An established go-to receiver is all that is lacking.

Minter is optimistic. "We've got an exciting young team," he says. "This is the smallest senior class since I've been here. The first thing we have to do is discover who we really are. Do we want the ball in McCleskey's hands? Or do we want it in Kenner's hands? Hopefully we can maintain a balanced attack."

quarterbacks

While sharing the quarterback job with Plummer last season, Kenner emerged as one of the rising stars in Conference USA, completing 55 percent of his passes for 2,047 yards despite starting only five games. His arm and mobility make him equally effective on the dropback or the rollout, and opponents must cope with his uncanny knack for escaping pressure. Backup David Bertucci, less mobile than Kenner but effective as a passer, has also seen significant game action.

running backs

McCleskey burst upon the scene as a true freshman last season and snatched the role of featured back from Robert Cooper. McCleskey, strong, instinctive and most productive after first contact, drew the starting assignment in six contests and finished with 861 yards (5.3 per carry) and 11 touchdowns. He finished with a flourish, rumbling for 701 yards and nine scores in the final four games.

Cooper, the returning starter going into last season, also ran for better than five yards a carry (419 on 82 attempts). Cooper is faster and more explosive than McCleskey, and as long as both stay healthy, Minter can keep a fresh pair of legs in the game at all times.

receivers

Plummer and Cornelius Bonner accounted for 109 catches between them last year, and both have graduated. It will be wide receiver by committee until someone takes charge.

Jason Collins-Baker is a two-year starter with speed and a feel for finding the open spots. Chris Archie, Dushawn Dorsey and Tye Keith are all battling at the other wideout. Keith, a smallish but quick redshirt freshman, is expected to make a big splash.

Tony Smikle, the top returning receiver with 19 catches for 253 yards and one score, will line up in the slot. At tight end is Ashley Hunt, who is known more as a receiver than a blocker, which suits the Cincinnati offensive scheme to a tee.

offensive linemen

Even though only one full-time starter returns, the offensive line rates as a team strength. Doug



Doug Rosfeld

Rosfeld emerged at center last fall, and sophomore Joe Dixon moves up at left guard, with Ken Biggs starting at right guard for a fourth straight year.

Kirt Doolin and Andy Weinheimer started five games between them last year as freshmen and are competing at right tackle, but one could end up on the left side, where sophomore Ted Forrest is currently penciled in.

41.5

The number of points surrendered per game by Cincinnati's defense in 1998, the most of any team in Division I-A.

defensive linemen

One salvageable player from the 1998 Bearcat defensive line who figures to be a factor in '99 is Ben Piening, who drew four starts at tackle and landed on the C-USA All-Freshman team.

Mario Monds, a juco All-American at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College who enrolled for the winter quarter and participated in spring drills, takes over at the other tackle. Monds arrived at 6'4", 370, but a more svelte version is expected come fall practice. Sophomore Paul Stephens, a former walk-on, started the season finale at end and remains there. Junior college transfer Montrell Mitchell is a strong possibility at the other end.

The front four, bigger and stronger than last year's group, should be more of a force against the run. But experienced depth is painfully thin.

linebackers

Senior Kwesi Daniels, a smallish (5'11", 222) but intense competitor, moves up at middle linebacker after backing up Champion last season. Two players who made major contributions as freshmen last season, end Antwan Peek and strong safety Lewis Carter, are slated to start and inject some quickness and tenacity at the outside linebacker posts.

defensive backs

Free safety Tinker Keck is the key to the defense. Keck notched 20 tackles in the '98 Army game but missed the rest of the season with a knee injury, and the Bearcat defense couldn't stop the run after that. He is expected back at full-speed. Freddy Smith, the team's top returning tackler, filled the void for the final seven games and returns for '99, now at either strong safety or cornerback.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 6 — Louisville

Cincinnati will celebrate homecoming by trying to slow Louisville's high-powered attack. The Bearcats will try to reclaim the Keg of Nails from the Cardinals, who confiscated the trophy in last year's contest by a score of 62-19, after it spent two years in Cincinnati's possession.

Danny Adams broke into the lineup late last season at cornerback and made Freshman All-America. His speed and instincts for the ball netted him a school freshman-record four interceptions, all in the last four games. Seniors Jeff Burrow and Bobby Fuller are battling at the other corner. If Smith lands there, look for one of two junior college signees, Aaron Butler or Antonio Davis, to take over at strong safety.

specialists

Freshman Jonathon Ruffin will challenge incumbent senior Joe Judge for the kicking chores. Adam Wulfek, a freshman walk-on last year, boomed four punts over 50 yards and nailed opponents inside their 20-yard line 12 times.

Keck was Athlon's 1998 preseason All-America punt returner. If he is back to 100 percent, he can turn a game around in a hurry. McCleskey, Keith and Collins-Baker will share kickoff return duties.

Outside the Huddle

Borrowing from the Bowdens Rick Smith, for the last two years the defensive coordinator under Tommy Bowden at Tulane, has signed on at Cincinnati with the same job description. The new offensive coordinator is Jimbo Fisher, who has been Terry Bowden's quarterbacks coach since 1988 at Samford and Auburn.

Retiring Champion Linebacker Hassan Champion ended his college career at Cincinnati as just the fifth player in UC history to record back-to-back 100-tackle seasons.

Mix and match No fewer than 23 players were starters on the Bearcats' defense at one time or another last year.

Take it back Cincinnati free safety Tinker Keck missed most of last season with a knee injury. But in 1997, he ran back four punts for touchdowns, including two in one game, and averaged 15.2 yards per return. Under no circumstances will the senior from Goodland, Kan., with the lightning-quick first step take a fair catch.

Keepsakes Cincinnati plays for a pair of traveling trophies: the Victory Bell vs. Miami (Ohio) and the Keg of Nails vs. Louisville. The Bearcats lost both last year after having them for two years.

1999 Cincinnati Roster

1998 Record: 2-9
C-USA Record: 1-5

Head Coach
Rick Minter

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
24	Adams, Danny	CB	5-10	185	So.	Miami, FL
45	Adams, Derrick	LB	6-0	231	Fr.	Solon, OH
80	Archie, Chris	WR	6-4	209	So.	Detroit, MI
76	Arsznan, Nick	G	6-2	257	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
12	Bertucci, David	QB	6-1	223	Sr.	Modesto, CA
66	Biggs, Ken	G	6-5	296	Sr.	Wallingford, CT
95	Billings, DeMarcus	DT	6-0	249	Fr.	Atlanta, GA
89	Brandt, Doug	TE	6-4	251	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
8	Burrow, Jeff	CB	5-8	176	Sr.	Sylvester, GA
19	Butler, Aaron	FS	6-1	174	Jr.	Houma, LA
16	Calcagni, Chris	K	5-11	182	So.	Canfield, OH
39	Carter, Lewis	LB	6-2	210	So.	Columbus, OH
64	Catanzaro, Dave	C	6-1	268	So.	Cincinnati, OH
2	Collins-Baker, Jason	WR	5-11	190	Jr.	Detroit, MI
33	Cooper, Robert	RB	5-11	205	Sr.	Bainbridge, GA
23	Coppola, Bob	WR	5-11	208	Jr.	Lowellville, OH
74	Cronin, Sean	DT	6-0	260	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
44	Daniels, Kwesi	LB	5-11	222	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY
86	Davis, Bryan	TE	6-3	237	Jr.	Moore, OK
69	Dawson, Cliff	C	6-2	267	Fr.	Louisville, KY
68	Dixon, Joe	G	6-3	348	So.	Columbus, OH
72	Doolin, Kurt	T	6-4	314	So.	Covington, KY
18	Dorsey, Dushawn	WR	6-2	187	So.	Somerville, NJ
16	Dunbar, Rueben	RB	5-9	189	Fr.	Huber Heights, OH
78	Edwards, Sedrick	T	6-8	291	Sr.	Ft. Myers, FL
43	Edwards, Willis	LB	5-11	212	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
85	Elliott, Dante	DT	6-3	251	So.	Cincinnati, OH
59	Evans, Troy	LB	6-1	236	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
26	Fields, Ivan	CB	5-11	178	Fr.	Hanceville, AL
73	Forrest, Ted	OL	6-3	313	So.	Houston, TX
10	Fuller, Bobby	CB	5-10	191	Sr.	Lexington, NC
37	Garden Lloyd	FB	5-11	235	So.	Akron, OH
67	Gardner, Josh	T	6-4	274	Fr.	Mason, OH
34	Glover, LaVar	CB	5-10	173	So.	Dayton, OH
22	Gossett, DeJuan	LB	5-11	200	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
58	Hamilton, Joseph	DE	6-2	244	So.	Columbus, OH
38	Harrison, Joe	FB	5-11	227	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
11	Hergott, Greg	QB	6-2	220	Sr.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
82	Hice, Nate	TE	6-0	242	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
87	Hunt, Ashley	TE	6-5	242	Jr.	Fruitland Park, FL
47	Isom, Jasen	FB	6-0	240	Sr.	Wheatley Hts., NY

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
52	Johnson, Eddie	LB	5-11	233	Jr.	Kirkland, WA
60	Johnston, DeWayne	G	6-1	284	So.	Columbus, OH
13	Judge, Joe	K	5-11	187	Sr.	Fairfield, OH
9	Keck, Tinker	FS	6-1	195	Sr.	Goodland, KS
3	Keith, Tye	WR	5-8	179	Fr.	College Park, GA
7	Kenner, Deontey	QB	6-2	202	Jr.	Hopkinsville, KY
21	Lang, Frank	CB	5-9	179	Fr.	Clearwater, FL
48	Lee, Greg	DE	6-4	240	Jr.	Riverside, CA
23	Lewis, Melvin	CB	5-11	176	So.	Cleveland, OH
70	Lisek, Jason	G	6-4	284	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN
76	Love, Mike	T	6-4	295	Jr.	Lafayette, IN
15	Mammarelli, Jason	K	6-1	205	Jr.	Hollywood, FL
35	Mays, P.J.	FB	5-8	212	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
31	McCleskey, DeMarco	RB	5-11	214	So.	Claremore, OK
90	Monds, Mario	DT	6-4	340	Jr.	Fort Pierce, FL
84	Olinger, Jon	WR	6-3	212	Fr.	Hazard, KY
83	Peek, Antwan	LB	6-2	222	So.	Cincinnati, OH
97	Piening, Ben	DT	6-5	251	So.	Cincinnati, OH
56	Preston, Bryan	OT	6-5	258	Sr.	Springboro, OH
99	Ransom, Darryl	DE	6-1	247	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
55	Reed, Detreik	LB	5-11	222	So.	Cincinnati, OH
61	Rehfuess, Chris	G	6-3	259	Fr.	Union, KY
50	Rosfeld, Doug	C	6-4	281	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
5	Smikle, Tony	WR	6-2	234	Jr.	Farmingdale, NY
51	Smith, Aaron	DE	6-0	246	Jr.	East Chicago, IN
36	Smith, Freddy	SS	6-0	192	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
91	Stephens, Paul	DE	6-6	246	So.	Warren, OH
17	Stoker, Tajuan	RB	5-7	196	So.	Longview, TX
42	Sykes, Carlton	FS	6-1	214	Sr.	Detroit, MI
25	Thomas, Isaac	LB	5-11	212	Jr.	Baker, FL
57	Thompson, Kirk	DE	6-1	256	So.	Portsmouth, OH
53	Vordem Esche, Chad	SNP	5-11	210	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
81	Walker, Tim	WR	5-11	181	So.	Lexington, KY
60	Weigel, Mike	DT	6-2	265	Fr.	Batavia, OH
71	Weinheimer, Andy	T	6-4	298	So.	Cincinnati, OH
32	Wize, Nathan	RB	5-6	192	So.	Tucson, AZ
54	Wortman, Dan	DT	6-2	264	So.	Mason, OH
14	Wulfreck, Adam	P	6-0	217	So.	Ft. Mitchell, KY

1999 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Aaron Butler **DB** **6-2** **195** **Houma, LA**
Played two years in the secondary at City College of San Francisco (Calif.). Played on teams that posted a pair of 11-1 records.

Antonio Davis **DB** **6-1** **200** **Miami, FL**
Started all 10 games as a sophomore at West Hills (Calif.) CC. Returned only interception 98 yds. for a score.

Kirk Gibbs **DL** **6-1** **270** **Cleveland, OH**
Second-team National Junior College Athletic Association All-America pick as a sophomore at Vermilion (MN) CC.

Luis Gonzalez **QB** **6-2** **190** **Coral Park, FL**
Honorable mention all-state selection. Named to the All-Dade County first-team. Completed 114 passes for 1,899 yds. and 20 TDs in 1998.

Aaron Guzman **LB** **6-4** **230** **Wausau, WI**
First-team National Junior College Athletic Association selection as a sophomore at Rochester (MN) CC. Second-team All-America by JC Gridwire.

Chas Hall **LB** **6-1** **220** **Cincinnati, OH**
Honorable mention all-city selection by both the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and *Cincinnati Post* as a senior. Made 73 tackles in 1998.

Greg Lee **DL** **6-4** **240** **Riverside, CA**
Two-year starter at linebacker at Riverside (CA) CC. Made 23 tackles as a sophomore, including four quarterback sacks.

Clarence Lindsey **LB** **6-2** **235** **Fresno, CA**
First-team all-conference selection as a sophomore at West Hills (Calif.) CC. Started every game at inside linebacker, leading the team with 53 tackles.

A.J. Lucius **TE** **6-2** **230** **Loveland, OH**
Caught 12 passes for 103 yds. and a TD as a senior. Named first-team all-league as a junior.

Montrell Mitchell **DL** **6-4** **240** **Panama City, FL**
Honorable mention All-America selection as a sophomore at City College of San Francisco (Calif.). Received first-team all-conference honors as a sophomore after making 45 tackles and eight sacks.

Mario Monds **DL** **6-4** **370** **Fort Pierce, FL**
National Junior College Athletic Association All-American as a sophomore at Hutchinson (KS) CC. Made 84 tackles and three sacks last year.

Jonathon Ruffin **K** **5-10** **170** **Metairie, LA**
Three-time first-team all-state selection by both the Louisiana High School Coaches Association and the *New Orleans Time-Picayune*. Connected on 24 of 29 field goals during his career.

Cory Schwartz **QB** **6-2** **180** **Spring, TX**
Second-team all-district selection as a senior. Completed 68 of 110 passes for 1,026 yds. and 12 TDs as a senior.

Josh Shneyderov **OL** **6-2** **250** **Indianapolis, IN**
Two-time all-state selection. Earned second-team all-state as a senior from the *Bloomington Herald-Times*. Lettered twice in football.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (4)

WR 2 Jason Collins-Baker (Jr., 2)	80 Chris Archie (So., 1)
LT 73 Ted Forrest (So., 1)	76 Mike Love (Jr., 0)
LG 68 Joe Dixon (So., 1)	70 Jason Lisek (Sr., 0)
C 50 Doug Rosfeld (Jr., 2)	64 Dave Catanzaro (So., 0)
RG 66 Ken Biggs (Sr., 3)	60 DeWayne Johnston (So., 0)
RT 72 Kurt Doolin (So., 1)	71 Andy Weinheimer (So., 1)
TE 87 Ashley Hunt (Jr., 2)	47 Jasen Isom (Sr., 2)
QB 7 Deontey Kenner (Jr., 2)	12 David Bertucci (Sr., 1)
SB 5 Tony Smikle (Jr., 2)	81 Tim Walker (So., 0)
TB 31 DeMarco McCleskey (So., 1)	33 Robert Cooper (Sr., 3)
WR 3 Tye Keith (Fr., 0)	80 Chris Archie (So., 1)

DEFENSE (1)

DE 91 Paul Stephens (So., 1)	58 Joe Hamilton (So., 1)
DT 90 Mario Monds (Jr., 0)	85 Dante Elliott (So., 1)
DT 97 Ben Piening (So., 1)	95 DeMarcus Billings (Fr., 0)
DE Montrell Mitchell (Jr., 0)	51 Aaron Smith (Jr., 1)
LB 83 Antwan Peek (So., 1)	52 Eddie Johnson (Jr., 2)
LB 44 Kwesi Daniels (Sr., 1)	22 DeJuan Gossett (Jr., 2)
LB 39 Lewis Carter (So., 1)	59 Troy Evans (Jr., 1)
CB 24 Danny Adams (So., 1)	34 LaVar Glover (So., 1)
CB 8 Jeff Burrow (Sr., 3)	10 Bobby Fuller (Sr., 1)
SS 36 Freddy Smith (Jr., 2)	19 Aaron Butler (Jr., 0)
FS 9 Tinker Keck (Sr., 1)	42 Carlton Sykes (Sr., 1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 13 Joe Judge (Sr., 1)
P 14 Adam Wulfreck (So., 1)
KR 31 DeMarco McCleskey (So., 1)
PR 9 Tinker Keck (Sr., 1)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Deontey Kenner, 148-270-2,047-13, 6 TDs
Rushing: DeMarco McCleskey, 162 car., 861 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Tony Smikle, 19 rec., 253 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: DeMarco McCleskey, 11 TDs, 66 points
Punting: Adam Wulfreck, 40 punts, 39.7 avg.
Kicking: Joe Judge, 9-15 FGs,
Tackles: DeJuan Gossett, 78, 50 solo
Sacks: 3 players tied with one
Interceptions: Danny Adams, 4 for 57 yds.

1999 Schedule

Sept. 4	Kent
Sept. 18	Wisconsin
Sept. 25	at Ohio State
Oct. 2	Arkansas State
Oct. 9	at Houston
Oct. 16	UAB
Oct. 23	at Southern Miss
Oct. 30	at Miami (Ohio)
Nov. 6	Louisville
Nov. 13	at East Carolina
Nov. 20	Memphis

Rising Star

Running back DeMarco McCleskey came to Cincinnati from Claremore, Okla., where he rushed for 1,814 yards and 22 TDs as a senior. He climbed from third string to the starting lineup as a true freshman and quickly established himself as one of the top ball-carriers in Conference USA.

EAST DIVISION MARSHALL

Marshall is fast becoming to the MAC what Florida State is to ACC football — the new standard. If Marshall can avoid an unexpected road slip like the one they had in a 34–13 loss at Bowling Green last Halloween, they'll be back in the MAC title game for the third year in a row.

Quarterback Chad Pennington is the only one of last year's 10 finalists for the Davey O'Brien Award, given to the top quarterback in the nation, to return to school. The 6'3" senior already has the MAC career record for touchdown passes (63) despite playing in the league for just two seasons.

Pennington led the MAC in passing touchdowns (24), efficiency (146.2) and passing yards (3,419). He's tallied more than 10,000 career passing yards and has a winning percentage of .850 (34–6).

Running back Doug Chapman (1,184 rushing yards, 15 touchdowns last year) is vying to become the first Marshall player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of his four seasons. The stocky 5'10" Chapman has run for 100 yards or more in 20 games in his career.

At wide receiver, senior Nate Poole (6'3", 185) caught 48 balls for 616 yards last year while junior John Cooper (6'5", 200) had 33 for 407. James Williams will push for more time after catching two touchdowns against Louisville in the bowl game.

Marshall coach Bob Pruett is counting on sophomore Gregg Kellett to win the starting tight end job. Kellett snared 13 balls for 182 yards last year and had a 59-yard catch in the Motor City Bowl.

The Herd's offensive line is intact with the exception of right tackle, where graduated Jamie Rodgers' spot is expected to be filled by junior college transfer James Simon, a 6'6", 310-pound tackle out of Fresno (Calif.) City College. Simon joins a formidable front that includes All-MAC tackle Mike Guillems, junior Chris Scheuch at guard and center Jason Starkey, a second-team All-MAC pick last year.

Marshall's defense could kick it up another notch with 10 starters back from a unit that forced 29 takeaways (12 fumbles, 17 interceptions), most in the MAC. The Herd were second in total defense (317.6 yards per game) to Miami.

Fifteen of Marshall's 16 top tacklers from last year are back. The only defense hole to

fill is at nose guard, where junior college transfer Steve Content is first in line to take over for the departed Ricky Hall. He'll line up next to all-league tackle Giradie Mercer, who had 16 tackles for loss and four sacks last year. End Ron Puggi, an impressive 6'4" specimen, is another honors candidate coming off a year in which he had five sacks and five passes broken up.

Marshall brings waves at the linebacker position. Outside linebacker John Grace led the team in tackles last year with 143, including 15 for loss. Middle linebacker Max Yates missed six games with a broken ankle but still finished with 55 stops, 33 of them solo. Senior Andre O'Neal mans the other outside linebacker spot, while Trod Buggs (six starts) and George Miller provide excellent depth.

Senior safety Rogers Beckett is a ballhawk, last year finishing second on the team in tackles (118) and interceptions (three). Pruett loves the big-play ability of cornerbacks Daninelle Derricott and Maurice Hines. Derricott had six picks and ran a fumble back for a touchdown in the MAC Championship win over Toledo.

Marshall needs to find a punter and a punt return man. James Williams, who returned kickoffs last year, will probably be tried on some punts, too.

All three placekickers who attempted field goals are back, including senior Billy Malashevich, who was 16-of-23.

MIAMI (OHIO)

A Division I-A playoff sounds like a good idea in tiny Oxford, Ohio, where Miami laid claim to the title "best team not in a bowl game" last year. Actually, the RedHawks were better than several of the teams that played in the lesser bowls but, because of a small alumni base and little network TV exposure, Miami was snubbed despite a 10–1 record.

The RedHawks' tie for the MAC East regular-season title and a season-opening win at North Carolina were of little comfort in the end. Frustrated, Randy Walker, the school's all-time winningest coach, left for Northwestern.

Players lobbied hard for defensive coordinator Terry Hoepfner to take over the program. Now the goals are to get the RedHawks back in a bowl (they haven't been to one since 1986) and to win a MAC title outright, the only two things Walker failed to accomplish during his nine-year tenure.

The core of talent is still strong — 16

MAC EAST Predicted Order of Finish

1. Marshall
2. Miami
3. Bowling Green
4. Ohio
5. Akron
6. Kent
7. Buffalo

starters return, 10 on offense, including running back Travis Prentice, a two-time Doak Walker semifinalist. Miami's going to have to replace half its defense, though, and adjust quickly to its new coaching staff. The RedHawks will have to hit the ground running — literally — come September. They open against Walker and Northwestern in Evanston, Ill., on September 4 and visit West Virginia the next week.

"To say that Northwestern will be ready for us is an understatement," Hoepfner says. "It's going to be an emotional game for both myself and our players, as well as for Randy and all the former (Miami) assistants."

"Touchdown Travis" has run for 45 touchdowns the last two seasons (19 last year) and is the nation's leading returning rusher with 1,787 yards (second only to Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams in '98).

He's got the entire package — size (6'1"), strength and elusiveness. Prentice is durable and sure-handed, having lost one fumble in 784 career carries. He's within 17 touchdowns of Williams' NCAA career rushing mark of 72 scores and already holds school records for single-season touchdowns (25), career rushing TDs (56), overall TDs (57) and points scored (342).

Prentice and Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington give the MAC two legitimate Heisman Trophy contenders. The two teams meet in Oxford on October 2.

Mike Bath was a little rickety at the outset of his first season as starting quarterback last

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year, but as a sophomore, he threw for 1,500 yards and 12 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. H-back Nick Monk, a strong lead blocker for Prentice, is back.

Bath has options via the air in Trevor Gaylor (38 catches, 653 yards, five TDs) and Sly Johnson (11 for 131) at wideout and Mike Sullivan and Robert Frazier at tight end.

All five starting offensive linemen return, including All-MAC candidate Chris Kalafatis (6'4", 292 pounds) at center.

Miami's defense was the stingiest in the league last year, giving up only 12.9 points per game and 300.1 yards of total offense. But the RedHawks have too many holes across the board to come close to matching those numbers this year.

Outside linebacker Dustin Cohen led the team with 146 tackles last season (12 tackles for loss) and four interceptions, two for touchdowns. He's a big, game-breaking force who's going to have to handle more of the load with JoJuan Armour, the two-time MAC Defensive Player of the Year, gone. The rest of the RedHawks' linebacking corps is untested.

Hoepfner likes his depth on the defensive line, where tackles James Bratcher (31 tackles) and Andy Aracri (43 tackles) are back. The RedHawks are young at the ends with Bob Petrovic, a sophomore, in one spot, and freshman Kurt Mester at the other.

Junior college transfer Jacob Yavasile and

Versellias Hamond (6'3", 211) are vying for the strong safety slot while Bryan McCullough (6'0", 203) has the edge at free safety.

Both corners return in Brandon Godsey and Michael Adams.

Reliable punter Kent McCullough is coming into his third season as a starter after dumping 23 of 62 punts (40 percent) inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Miami needs a new placekicker and long-snapper, something else for the coaching staff to worry about. Sly Johnson (4.23 time in the 40-yard dash) is sure to return punts and/or kickoffs this fall.

BOWLING GREEN

Bowling Green found a running game midway through last season and salvaged what could have been an abysmal year. After a 1-5 start, the Falcons won four of their last five, including a 34-13 thrashing of Marshall, the MAC and Motor City Bowl champions. Bowling Green went from 107th in Division I in rushing to 13th (215.2 yards per game, third in the MAC).

It wasn't enough to prevent Bowling Green's fourth straight losing campaign, but they did post a winning record in the conference (5-3) for the first time since 1994.

Eight starters and 15 letterwinners return on offense, where the only questionable hole could be at quarterback. Junior Ricky Schneider is expected to step in with the

departure of three-year starter Bob Niemet. Schneider started twice in 1997 and appeared in eight games as a backup last year.

The Falcons found a nice tandem at tailback last year and both are back. Sophomore Godfrey Lewis handled the bulk of the load, finishing with 753 yards on 163 carries (4.6 average). Senior Steve Holmes ran for 384 yards on 79 carries (4.9 yards per carry) and three scores in nine games. Holmes was nursing an ankle injury during much of spring drills and could be brought along

slowly this fall. Senior co-captain Brent Martin is the Falcons' spiritual engine at fullback, rushing for 295 yards last year while splitting time with Adam Lige.

The big stars of last season were the much-improved members of the offensive line, which returns intact. Right tackle Chad McCarthy has started 32 games; senior guard Mark Kautzmann and junior tackle Rob Fehrman have started 22 straight.

The Falcons will miss two-time all-conference tight end Tony Holcomb, but senior Kevin Steinke made eight starts last year and has played in 33 games the last three years.

Receiver Kurt Gerling was MAC Freshman of the Year last year with 656 yards on 34 receptions (a 19.3 average) and six touchdowns. Robert Redd, another freshman, mans the other receiver slot after 17 catches for 317 yards. Sophomore Aaron Alexander is a solid third receiver.

Defensively, D.J. Durkin is the only returning starter at one defensive end, while D.J. Owchar has the inside track at the other end slot. The interior line positions were hotly contested in the spring with Malcolm Robinson and Brandon Hicks holding the edge at tackle and nose guard respectively.

Bowling Green is stacked pretty well in the middle with Joe O'Neill (95 tackles) at outside linebacker; sophomore Chris Della Vella (45 stops) in the middle; and sophomores Garry Fisher, Khary Campbell and senior Eric Jones pushing for time at the other outside slot.

Willie Washington, a junior college transfer who will report to school for preseason camp in August, is expected to step right in at one cornerback. He'll have to beat out incumbent Ken Dobbs. Offensive convert and former tailback Chris Hubbard will also be tried there. Former wideouts Will Sullivan and Matt Bunsey are expected to have the inside track as the other corner. Strong safety Chad Long is going to have a steady influence until the new players get a grip on their positions. Long was second on the team with 93 tackles as a freshman last year. Karl Rose moved into the free safety slot midway through the 1998 season and finished with 60 tackles, 12 against Miami.

Bowling Green has senior placekicker Jason Strasser back after hitting on 11-of-12 field goals last year, best percentage in the MAC. The punting duties will be turned over to redshirt freshman Brian Poltrone. Holmes and Redd will again return kicks.



Chad Pennington, Marshall

OHIO

Ohio comes into the season without 69 percent of its rushing yards from last year. That's pretty much 69 percent of the entire offense for the Bobcats, who throw as often as Dennis Rodman repents. Hard-line practitioners of four-back formations, primarily the wishbone, Ohio is hankering to replace quarterback Kareem Wilson, the second-leading rusher in school history, and tailback Strevland Hoofkin, Ohio's No. 1 all-time rusher. The two combined for more than 2,100 yards and 24 touchdowns last year as Ohio was second in Division I-A in rushing but slipped to 5-6, 5-3 in the MAC. It was the Bobcats' first losing season since 1995.

Ohio lost 19 seniors in all, but none more vital to the ground game, the pulse of the offense, than Wilson and Hoofkin. The Bobcats spent much of the spring auditioning replacements.

The front-runner during spring drills was sophomore Dan Jordan, a rollout quarterback who's quite a bit slower than Wilson but is a more accurate thrower. Coach Jim Grobe is going to give junior David Murphy a long look there, too. Murphy has probably the most Wilson-like skills of any QB on the team but he's brittle, having missed much of the last two seasons with back problems.

The rest of the backfield is also up for grabs. Sophomore tailback Jamel Patterson had the inside track for Hoofkin's old spot after running for 177 yards on 46 carries last year, but may have lost it to a scatback option in freshman Chad Brinker (5'11", 185). Junior Raynald Ray could also be switched here from his role as the slot back (or "Z" back). If Ray moves to tailback, look for sophomore Mareion Royster to get a shot to start as the Z back.

Fullback will come down to the better blocker among a group of candidates headed up by senior Joe Fondale and sophomore Chris Knaack, a transfer who started on Youngstown State's 1997 Division I-AA championship team.

Senior Derrick Jenkins will probably line up as the starting split end. The tight end position is a plus with four-year starter Drew Dwyer back.

Ohio must replace three starters on the offensive line. On the plus side, All-MAC center Mike Varone is one of the two linemen that return. The new candidates are a huge bunch, with sophomores Nick Glowacki (6'6", 310) and Erik Davis (6'5",

300) expected to hold down the guard slots with sophomore David Patton (6'8", 340) seeing most of the action at left tackle. Junior Zach Holt moves from center to guard to improve depth there.

Ohio's defense took hits from front to back. There's a new defensive coordinator in town and Grobe is trying to find two new defensive linemen, two new linebackers and two new defensive backs.

Three-year starter John Kraus returns at one end after tallying 48 tackles last year; junior Art Adams, who had 30 tackles as a platoon player, gets the nod at the other end. Grobe spent much of the spring watching how the battle for nose guard between sophomore Mike Fox and redshirt freshman Lamar Martin shook down.

Linebacker is the Bobcats' most critical position within their 3-4 scheme. Only one inside linebacker returns with experience, Mark Calgareo, fourth-leading tackler on the team last year with 87 stops, three for losses. Dave Swenson will have to fight off transfers Matt Spitler and Tom Weilbacher for the right to join Calgareo on the inside.

Leigh Barbour was a beast at outside linebacker last fall, totaling 96 tackles and 10 stops for loss in being named second-team All-MAC. He sat out spring drills, though, recovering from off-season knee surgery. The Bobcats are going to need him at full strength come the fall. Another likely starter, sophomore Greg Baskin, also missed spring ball after off-season shoulder surgery. The injuries gave Grobe a chance to get good looks at sophomores Matt Weikert, Shawn Murphy and Jeff Staniszewski.

Donnie White proved capable in his first full season at starting cornerback, picking off two passes and collecting seven tackles for loss last year. Senior Kahieem Maxwell, a standout on special teams, and Arden Banks are the leading candidates to start as the other corner. The safeties have some pop — returnee David Walker was third on the team in tackles last year with 87 at free safety; Chris London was a playmaker last year as a freshman (three tackles for loss coming off the bench) while his main rival for time at strong safety, senior Ewane Nanji, is a three-year letterman.

Ohio's special teams were spotty last year, but the Bobcats found an A-list punter in sophomore Dave Zastudil, whose 45.2-yard average was fourth in the nation. Grobe is looking for a new placekicker.

AKRON

Forty-nine lettermen return, including six starters on offense and seven on defense. The Zips will miss 14 seniors from last year, though, and the schedule isn't kind. Akron opens at Penn State and later visits Navy and Miami.

Coach Lee Owens likes what he's seen at quarterback, where junior James "Butchie" Washington returns. The 6-foot Washington broke 12 school records last season, throwing for 1,958 yards and eight touchdowns in 300 attempts.

The featured back will be new. Tony McCray, Bo Hunter and Jimmie Gray combined for just 71 carries in 1998. Fullback Rachi Culler will provide stability as a senior leader, lead blocker and ball-carrier (79 carries for 385 yards and four touchdowns last year).

Junior Lavel Bailey emerged as Washington's favorite target last year, finishing with team highs in receptions (41) and yards (558). Jake Schifino, who started two of the last three games last season, is the top candidate to start as the other receiver. Last year's No. 2 receiver, Jon Eaton, has been moved to free safety. Tight end Chuck Webb is gone, but sophomore Tim Ridley could slip into the void.

The Zips are breaking in two new linemen, jumbo junior Joe Trudeau (6'8", 300) and sophomore center Scott Smith (6'4", 275). Jeff Grzeskowiak (6'5", 310) is a budding star at strong-side tackle.

Akron's defense ought to improve after spending a year getting used to a new "50" scheme in 1998. The Zips surrendered 13 passing touchdowns with only four interceptions and gave up the third-highest rushing average per game in the MAC (197.5 average). Opponents' 25 rushing touchdowns were the second-most given up.

The defensive line, a young group last year, took its fair share of lumps but should emerge better for it. Ade Edwards, a 6'4", 255-pound end, is an all-conference candidate who last year finished with 21 tackles, five for losses. Tackle Ron Smith and nose guard Jermaine Williams had three-and-half sacks and 12 tackles for loss between them. Jacob Thompson or Jason Wiggins should emerge as the other end.

Linebacker James Cochran (51 tackles in nine games) should be back roaming the middle. He'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Cedric Golphin. At outside linebacker, George Cameron was everywhere in '98, col-

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lecting 66 tackles, seven for loss, breaking up three passes and recovering two fumbles.

The secondary is undergoing a major overhaul. Nate Johnson has moved from linebacker to strong safety to replace the departed Andre McCray. Johnson was second on the team in tackles last year with 67. Eaton moves from wide receiver to the free safety slot, where George Germany is gone after leading the Zips in tackles with 97. Morgan Russell, a junior college transfer, will contend for playing time as the secondary revamps. Rich Reliford is pencilled in at one corner while Russell and Dwight Smith (two interceptions) vie for the other.

Kicker Zac Derr showed range in '98, hitting 4-of-6 field goals from 40-to-49 yards. Dwight Smith's 22.4 kickoff return average was seventh in the MAC.

KENT

Poor Kent. The Golden Flashes laid golden eggs from start to finish last fall, limping to an 0-11 season (0-8 in the MAC) and surrendering 42 or more points in seven of those games.

Whereas most teams went into spring ball with two or three major points to try and brush up before the fall, Kent coach Dean Pees, now entering his second season, threw all the pieces of the puzzle on the ground.

Kent is starting over, slowly, from scratch.

They'd just like to feel good about anything. Here's one thing to look forward to: MAC newbie Buffalo, which visits Oct. 30.

Quarterback Jose Davis will be trying to regain the form he showed two years ago, when he set school records for completions in a season (194), attempts (365), passing yards (2,707) and passing touchdowns (32). He's mobile enough to make things happen.

DeMarlo Rozier showed intensity as a freshman last year, but the guts didn't match the numbers. At 5'9", 211 pounds, Rozier looked stubby and slow. He ran for 621 yards on 185 carries, a 3.4 average, but scored just two TDs. Fullbacks Michael Smith and Leroy Arrington weigh a combined 459 pounds.

Sophomore Jurren Kelly stepped up last year, snaring 31 balls for 476 yards and two scores. Joshua Bostick, another sophomore, is expected to bounce back from an early-season knee injury. Kelly and Bostick will be key components as Kent rebuilds. The offensive line is intact with the exception of left guard. Right tackle Dan Goodspeed is the only senior starter listed in the spring two-deep.

The Flashes were last in the MAC in total defense (5,209), average yards per play (6.8), opponents' touchdowns (55) and yards allowed per game (473.5) last year. There's nowhere to go but up.

Senior defensive end Brad Hartman contributed 64 tackles and six stops for losses, but the help was nowhere to be found up front. The Flashes totaled five sacks for the year. Hartman is the only returning starter on the defensive line.

The starting line-backing corps is back in full. Kent's leading tackler, sophomore linebacker Rashan Hall (96 stops) returns, as does No. 3 tackler Matt Rayl (81 stops, five tackles for 20 yards in losses).

Senior Geoff Betts should hold on to the strong safety slot, with senior Gary McCullough on the inside track at free safety. The cornerback options are extremely green, although converted tailback Murrad Holliday has shown decent potential.

On the plus side, both kickers and the three primary return men are back. Kelly was especially exciting returning punts, averaging 14.2 yards per attempt, best in the MAC.

BUFFALO

For the second time in three seasons, a Division I-AA program is stepping up to I-A and joining the MAC.

Marshall came into I-A off the heels of a I-AA national championship. Buffalo?

Buffalo comes in walking on its heels.

The Bulls were 4-7 as a I-AA independent last year. The first steps in the "new era" of Buffalo football will be clumsy.

The player to watch on offense is senior Drew Haddad, the school's all-time leader in receptions (155). Haddad also excels as a punt returner. He was second in I-AA last year with a 17.2 yard average and ran two punts back for touchdowns.

Buffalo usually runs Haddad and Jon Fields as a flanker. Senior Enrico Pierre will see the most time at split end.



Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)

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The quarterback derby was wide open this spring when 1998's starter, Chad Salisbury, exhausted his eligibility and the top backup left the team. Senior Erik Rusin opened spring ball as the front-runner, but the Bulls may go with one of three sophomores — Mike Gaydosz, Joe Freedy or Mike Taylor.

Senior fullback Josh Roth, Buffalo's leading rusher last year (806 yards, 5.1 yards per carry), should team up in the backfield with junior tailback Theron Walker.

All five starters on the offensive line return, a group that helped Buffalo set a single-season school record with 2,463 rushing yards in 1998.

Three defensive linemen with significant experience lead the front line, including sophomore Bob Dzvonic (47 tackles, 31 solo, and three sacks).

Another sophomore, linebacker Chris Shelly, set a Buffalo freshman record with 80 stops last season. The Bulls are hoping senior linebacker Dan Curcione, who played in only four games last year after a nerve injury to his foot, can return to form.

Buffalo was starting three sophomores and a true freshman in the secondary by the end of last season. Junior Eric Pipkins, the strong safety, was a second-team All-Independent I-AA selection last year after tallying 75 tackles, six for losses.

Both of Buffalo's kickers return. Junior punter Mike Masucci dumped nine of his 47 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard-line.

WEST DIVISION Western Michigan

A year after the greatest single-season turnaround in major college football, Western Michigan proved it wasn't a one-year wonder. A 7-4 campaign gave the Broncos 15 victories in two seasons, the most of any two-year period in school history. WMU won six of its last seven to finish in a tie for second in the MAC West, and with eight upperclassmen starting on offense and 10 on defense, the Broncos are poised to take the next step — a division title.

"(Last year) was a huge year that enabled us to take giant steps in building our program," says coach Gary Darnell, who in his third season has turned a perennial doormat into a title contender.

Now WMU finds out if it's ready to take the next step. Tim Lester, the conference's second-best quarterback and one of the best in the Midwest, is a senior now. Lester has an experienced line and depth at the skill positions, and pilots the most explosive offense in the MAC. Lester has been a paradigm for WMU's turnaround, growing up right along with the Broncos. The 6'1" quarterback, the MAC's Co-Freshman of the Year in 1996, last year threw for 3,311 yards and 22 touchdowns. Lester led the MAC in yards per game (301), total offense (296.5 yards per game) and was second to Marshall's Chad Pennington in passing touchdowns and efficiency rating (136.6).

Tailback Darnell Fields is gone after posting just the ninth 1,000-yard season in school history last year. Junior Robert Sanford is ready to take over after running for 523 yards and four touchdowns in 10 games, and averaging 4.8 yards per carry. The 1997 MAC Freshman of the Year, Sanford is a hoos at 5'11", 223 pounds. He ran for 1,033 yards as a freshman fullback two years ago. Sophomore fullback Scott Selzer is even bigger than Sanford (5'11", 231).

WMU's tight ends are serious threats. All-MAC candidate Jake Moreland is back. The 6'3" Moreland snared six TDs last year, and backup Frank Bosworth had seven catches in seven games, two for scores.

Lester has two stellar options at wide receiver in seniors Steve Neal and Corey Alston. Neal is coming off a breakout year at wide receiver in which he led the MAC in receptions (63), receiving yards (1,121) and touchdowns (seven). Alston's numbers dropped a little from 1997, but the 6'1"

flanker averaged 21.9 yards per catch and had four TDs. Darnell is looking for a viable third receiver to emerge out of a group that includes sophomores Darnell Jennings and Marco Wolverton, who played very little last year, Joshua Bush (14 catches and two TDs in '98) and Micah Zuhl (13 catches, one TD).

WMU brings experience back on the line, with senior tackle Charlie Knapp, a former guard, and junior guard Paul Lambert powering the weak side. Seniors Gary Nicklasch and Steve Wark anchor the other side.

The Broncos' defense fell appreciably off its 1997 statistics, placing in the lower half of the MAC in several key categories, including total defense (8th), pass defense efficiency (9th) and first downs allowed (9th).

The front four are all seniors. Ends Eric Bettys and Tom Rozema combined for six sacks and 12 stops for loss. Jeremy Johnson has to replace departed Dan Falcon's 10 tackles for loss at defensive tackle while John Deming played in just four games last year and will start the fall at nose guard.

WMU needs a young and athletic line-backing unit to build on the progress it made last year. Mario Evans and Garrett Soldano, both juniors, spent the spring contesting for the middle linebacker slot. Soldano led WMU in tackles last year (106); Evans emerged during the season, collecting 78 stops and four sacks. Junior Jared Pike (57 tackles, six tackles for loss) is pencilled in at one outside linebacker slot; junior Scott Niles (56 tackles) mans the other.

Unlike with the linebackers, the Broncos paid for youth in their secondary last year. Opponents completed 57.4 percent of their passes, second worst in the MAC. Three out of the four returnees played significantly last year and the unit should benefit from the experience. Corners Ronald Rogers and Eric Nunlee took their lumps but finished with four interceptions each; strong safety William Reed is small (5'8") and really more of a third cornerback, but he did have two sacks to go along with two picks and three passes broken up.

Brad Selent emerged as the placekicker last year and connected on a MAC-best 18 field goals (in 26 tries). WMU is again going to have to break in a new punter, with freshmen Jason Hamilton and J.D. Brink vying for the job. Neal's a dangerous punt returner — his 13.3 average was second in the MAC. Clark and Charles Woods will be tried out returning kickoffs, but Neal could also be used there.

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Toledo

The Rockets have posted more wins during the 1990s than any other MAC school, but chinks in the armor are starting to show. Now, they're without one of the best quarterbacks in school history in departed Chris Wallace and minus prolific runners Wasean Tait and Dwayne Harris. The skill people on offense will be almost entirely new while the defense, one of the MAC's best, returns just seven starters. Coach Gary Pinkel is striving for consistency on both sides of the ball.

But when 7-5 (6-2 in the MAC) is considered a down year, you've got things on the right track. Toledo is gunning for its sixth straight winning season. The Rockets have garnered significant respect in the last five years, particularly in the Midwest. They can turn some heads in the East when Syracuse visits the Glass Bowl on Sept. 2.

With Wallace gone, competition for quarterback is wide open. Early in the spring it looked like junior Dan Cole had an edge over sophomore Tavares Bolden and redshirt freshman Justin Larrick. Of the three, only Cole had significant game action last year, and he attempted only two passes.

The winner of the quarterback derby will hand off to junior tailback Chester Taylor, who averaged 5.5 yards per carry, ran for 570 yards and scored five TDs in limited work last year. Taylor ran for 182 yards against Ball State. Lyle Green returns as the slotback, where the 6'1" junior caught 10 balls for 110 yards coming out of the backfield last year.

Three veteran receivers were lost, but

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Toledo should benefit from the return of senior tight end Mike Bilik and junior wide-out Mel Long. Bilik, a two-time All-MAC selection, had 39 catches last year, while Long had 31 and a team-best five receiving touchdowns. Senior Jason Turner is going to get a long look at one wide receiver slot, but could get bumped by Jason Green, Donta Greene, Manny Johnson or Clint Mondell.

The offensive line is a mixed blessing — 10 players from last year's two-deep return, but a handful missed time in spring ball nursing injuries. Weakside tackle Colin Westrich, an All-MAC selection last year, is a sixth-year senior; weak guard Mike Lenix will be a seventh-year senior. However, Lenix and strongside tackle Jovan Ilich missed most of spring drills. Sophomore Matt Comer, who opened the spring at strong guard, is the freshest face of the bunch, with one varsity letter. With Nick Otterbacher at center, Mike Scheafer at weak guard and Jim Harding at strong tackle all locks barring injury, the unit is the deepest — and best — in the MAC.

The Rockets' defense held MAC opponents under 17 points in all but one game, and in eight conference games, the Rockets allowed just 12.6 points per game, best in the loop. Of the 216 points surrendered by the Rockets all year, 49 came against Ohio State. Twenty of the 24 players who appeared on the two-deep for at least two games are back.

Defensive end DeJuan Goulde was second-team All-MAC after racking up 43 tackles, six sacks and 12 tackles for loss. Sameer Hamood holds down one defensive tackle slot, having led all defensive linemen with 55 tackles last year. Hamood sat out the spring after shoulder surgery but should be up to par for the fall. Sophomore tackle Jim Barker is another promising run-stuffer.

Toledo is fierce across the middle with All-MAC inside linebacker Jason Lamar back for his senior season. Lamar was second on the team with 119 tackles. Junior Kevin Rollins completes the inside tandem. Rollins had 68 tackles last year. Co-captain Keith Travis had six tackles for loss and three interceptions from the outside linebacker slot; Ira Singleton and Corey Morris battled in spring ball for the starting nod on the other side.

The Rockets' other captain, Jameel Turner, returns at cornerback after 66 tackles last year. Junior Marcus Hill and sophomore James Stanley spent the spring competing for time at the other corner. Sophomore free safety Andy Boyd impressed in his first year,

starting eight games. Boyd, who had 76 tackles and three interceptions, missed the MAC title game with mononucleosis.

Sophomore kicker Todd France hit 11 of 19 field goal attempts, but two were from 49 yards out. Greg Grothous had the inside track to win the punting job but was pushed in spring drills by Jim Eberly. Defensive back Fabian Burke and receiver Donta Greene will be given first shot at returning kicks this fall.

Central Michigan

The Chippewas picked up steam as the season went on last year, a trend coach Dick Flynn would like to see carry over into 1999. Central Michigan contended for the MAC West title by winning four of its last seven.

Some new faces are going to have to emerge if CMU is to capitalize on anything. The Chippewas lost 21 lettermen and nine starters, the most pivotal being at wide receiver, inside linebacker and defensive line.

Another winning season isn't out of the question if the unknowns make a splash.

The starting backfield features two all-league candidates in senior tailback Eric Flowers, who ran for 1,302 yards and 16 touchdowns last year, and his lead blocker, 6'1", 205-pound fullback Jason Meyer.

Flynn said he feels good about junior quarterback Pete Shepherd, who was erratic (46.9 completion percentage, four touchdowns and 11 interceptions) but got into a nice groove once the ground game got established. With Flowers and Meyer around, Shepherd knows he doesn't have to be the focal point of the offense, although he's got a good enough arm (2,005 passing yards) to keep defenses honest.

CMU lost four of its top five receivers from last year, including two-time All-MAC wideouts Reggie Allen and Bryan Schorman. Returnees Rory Nevins, David Hannah and Anthony Jones had one catch between them last year. Junior college transfer Fletcher Smith and a group of freshmen — Jamarl O'Neal, Calvin Carter, Dante McKnight and Roderick Means — should push their way past some of the upperclassmen.

Senior tight end Mark Swetz, a capable target and end blocker, returns. He had 18 receptions for 233 yards. Three starters return on the offensive line, including both tackles, 6'7", 300-pounder Eric Page and 6'7", 305-pound Matt Brayton.

The Chippewas lost five starters from a much-improved defense that racked up 120 tackles for loss and cut its points allowed by

more than half from 1997. CMU lost three good ones up front in four-year nose guard Calvin Massenberg, All-MAC tackle Jon McCall and C.J. Remmo, but Flynn thinks seniors Joe Adam and Jerry Stempien can help fill the void. Adam, a tackle, had 44 tackles last season, eight for losses, while Stempien made 17 tackles as a reserve nose guard. The ends are quick and experienced. There's some good depth with four seniors rotating in the two slots — starters Walter Jenkins and Gabe McMasters and reserves Darnell Wilson (11 tackles for loss) and Jerry Zaremba.

Inside linebackers Jason and Jeremy Gold are gone. Sophomore Abdullah Muhammad, who had 46 tackles as a reserve last year, anchors one inside slot while junior Casey Laughlin and redshirt freshman Darvin Lewis went into spring ball battling for the other. Laughlin could be moved back to outside linebacker if Lewis wins out. Laughlin had 27 tackles last year.

Brian Leigeb returns as the bellcow of the secondary after 129 tackles, a team high, and three interceptions. The 6'2" Leigeb is a candidate for All-MAC honors, as are sophomore cornerbacks Tedaro France and Wayne Dudley, who both show tremendous upside. France, who had three interceptions, was second team All-MAC as a redshirt freshman last fall. Dudley broke up 15 passes.

Punter Jake Kemp was busy last year with 80 punts and the load showed at times — his 37.4 average in 1998 was in the lower third of the league. Kicker Paul Savich returns looking to improve upon an 11-of-20 showing on field goals (including 1-of-5 from 30-to-39 yards out), although he did convert all 24 extra points. The return jobs are up in the air, with senior Dan Myrick pencilled in at one kick return post and the others pending how the wide receiver battle shakes out.

Eastern Michigan

The pressure's on Eastern Michigan coach Rick Rasnick, who is in the fifth and final year of his original contract. The Eagles snapped a five-game losing streak with a 10-7 win over MAC West champion Toledo in the season finale to end a down season on a high note. Improvement from a 3-8 overall mark (3-5 in the league) shouldn't be too tough. The question is, how much will be enough?

Of the 22 players who started the Toledo game, 16 are back, and that doesn't include starting quarterback Walt Church, who

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Jake Moreland, Western Michigan

missed the last two games with an ankle injury. Depth won't be an excuse — 36 of the 44 players listed in the Toledo two-deep practiced this spring, 47 lettermen in all.

Church, a junior, picked right up where he'd left off after redshirting in 1997. The 6'4" quarterback completed 213 of 355 passes in 1998 for 2,650 yards and 13 touchdowns in nine games.

The top three rushers from last year return. Junior tailback Eric Powell (473 rushing yards in eight games) got most of the work but is coming back from a late-season neck injury. Rasnick also will rotate in juniors Idris Wells (289 yards, four touchdowns) and Ethan Vannoy (261 yards, four touchdowns). Powell is the top pass-catcher of the group and a favorite option of Church (27 catches, third-highest on the team last year). There's experience and beef at the tight end/blocking back slot, with senior Pete Nyikes (6'1", 210) and junior Matt Kelly (6'3", 226).

The receiving corps is one of the MAC's best. Senior wideout Jermaine Sheffield (6'5", 202) leads the way. Sheffield caught 62 balls for 953 yards and four scores last year. Senior Brandon Campbell had 27 catches for 368 yards.

A pair of sophomores, John White and Erik Ibom, stepped up last year, combining for 37 catches and 453 receiving yards. Jamal Stevens, a sophomore who played in nine games, and Kenny Christian, a junior, are

battling for the slot receiver spot.

The biggest hole — literally — on the offense is left by departed tackles L.J. Shelton and Clay Mihaere. The 6'6" Shelton was a third-team All-American and one of the best line prospects in last spring's NFL Draft. Two young scrappers, freshman Chuck Butkowski (6'3", 292) and sophomore John Grabowski (6'5", 306), had the inside track to take over at tackle. The rest of the line has plenty of scars. Center Tom Michel is a three-year starter, and guards

Rich Chorak and Craig Cipa showed potential as first-time regulars last season.

Eight starters return on defense.

The secondary is a strength with two starters back, senior cornerback Lincoln Dupree and senior free safety Donald McCall. Dupree's five interceptions were second in the MAC. Senior Isaac Shipp has the inside track at the other corner spot. London Lindsey will be pushed by James Willingham and James Hughes for time at strong safety.

EMU needs help up front with tackle Troy Campbell (eight sacks) gone. There's good news in the form of Jermaine Kyles (6'2", 287), who returns after sitting out all of last year with an injury. Vets Ashley Travis (6'4", 242) and James Turner (6'2", 265) are back.

At inside linebacker, sophomore Scott Russell (99 tackles) and junior Jason Short (55 tackles) made solid impacts in their first campaigns as starters and anchor the middle. The outside linebacker battles may go until fall with three-year letterman Clifton Robinson (44 tackles) and Kenny Philpot (49 tackles) contesting for one spot and senior Tarance Simmons (27 tackles) and senior David Taylor (six tackles) the other.

Punter Nick Avondet averaged 42.8 yards per kick last year, second-highest in EMU history, and has started the last 22 games.

Rasnick is turning the placekicking over to Toller Starnes.

The speedy Dupree and sophomore John White are back to return kicks.

Northern Illinois

The longest losing streak in major college football no longer resides in Dekalb, Ill. Northern Illinois knocked off Central Michigan 16-6 on Oct. 17 of last year to snap a 23-game skid. Then the Huskies actually started a winning streak, beating Eastern Michigan on the road the next week. NIU lost its next four games to finish at 2-9 (2-6 in the MAC).

The quarterback situation can only rebound. Chris Finlen, the best pure passer in the bunch, was slated to start 1998 but broke his collarbone at the final two-a-day practice. Frisman Jackson, an elusive, more option-styled quarterback, stepped in for three games but was knocked out when he had emergency surgery on his lower leg. The next three QBs on the depth chart were either injured or academically ineligible. So quarterback No. 6, freshman walk-on Craig Harmon, was thrown into the lineup for the last half of the year. He was clearly overmatched, but the Huskies still won two games with him in the lineup. NIU averaged just 119.5 passing yards per game with five touchdowns and 15 interceptions, for a MAC-worst 85.5 pass efficiency rating. Finlen should win the starting job, but Novak is bringing the sophomore back gingerly.

NIU's running game appears less fragile. Five tailbacks who've lettered return, with junior Bill Andrews getting the first crack as the primary carrier. Andrews was second on the team last year in carries (133) and yards (476) and tied for the team lead in touchdowns (four). Junior Ivory Bryant (6-foot, 210 pounds) was the workhorse of the group last year, running for team-highs of 655 yards on 187 carries. Senior fullback Mike Stack is a three-year letterman and a punishing blocker at 6'2", 253 pounds.

The Huskies have to find a replacement for Deon Mitchell, their all-time leader in all-purpose yards, kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage. Mitchell had 39 catches for 567 yards last season. Junior flanker Justin McCareins, the team's leading receiver last year (54 catches for 486 yards and five touchdowns), is rangy at 6'1", 200, but lacks consistent big-play potential. Junior Darrell Hill, who last year had 12 catches for 110 yards as NIU's third receiver, will take over Mitchell's old slot and is also expected to be featured as the new kickoff return man.

Senior Bob Leshar has moved from defensive end to tight end, where he'll split time

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with Matt Dunker and Joey Reed. The offensive line didn't get much of a chance to jell during spring ball with John Pedersen (right guard) and Matt Cockrun (left guard) out with injuries. Three projected starters haven't even lettered yet, and two redshirt freshmen, Greg Clemens and Tim Vincent, will battle to win the starting left tackle slot. The other tackle, junior Ryan Diem (6'7", 325), is an All-MAC candidate. Junior McAllister Collins has been moved from tackle to center in case incumbent Kyle Jakubek, who missed spring ball, isn't ready by the fall.

With seven starters back, a step up by the defense might help NIU turn the corner.

One side of the defensive line shapes up as one of the league's best with end Lewis Miskowicz (eight tackles for loss, two sacks) and tackle Lamain Rucker, who as a sophomore last year was third on the team in tackles (79) and had nine stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Linebacker Cameron Saulsby had 61 tackles, six for losses, as a part-time starter last year. He was named the team's Most Improved Player in 1998.

Junior Ken Selover made a strong transition to middle linebacker, where his 86 tackles were second on the team and he tied for the NIU lead in sacks with three. Jon Pendergrass and Rocky Newton are the top contenders to start as the other outside linebacker.

NIU returns three starters in the secondary, one of the major areas of improvement last year. The Huskies will miss cornerback Duane Hawthorne, who had a team-high four interceptions last year, but at the other corner, junior Benji Peacock, is back. Peacock broke up four passes and forced a league-high five fumbles. Senior strong safety Donovan Carter led the team in tackles with 124, recovered three fumbles and had three tackles for loss. Free safety Jermaine Hampton was another factor in the backfield, causing two fumbles and deflecting five passes.

Senior punter Kent Baker had a 68-yard boot last year but was pretty mediocre with a 34.1 average overall.

The Huskies are breaking in a new placekicker in redshirt freshman Brian Grider, although Baker may be tried here too, especially on longer kicks.

Hill and Kandras Bledsoe have big shoes to fill in the kick return game with Mitchell gone, while McCareins is slated to run back punts.

Ball State

Few coaches will be happier to get the season started than Ball State's Bill Lynch — anything to get past 1998. Ball State posted back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since 1984-85. The Cardinals set a school record for losses (10) and, just two years removed from a MAC title, finished last in the league. It probably isn't so bad, then, that only four starters return on offense. Of course, LeAndre Moore, second-leading career rusher in Ball State history, isn't one of them. Junior Kevin Cartwright (221 yards in 10 games, one touchdown) gets the first shot to replace Moore; junior college transfer Quavis Tate, a 5'8" scatback, offers Ball State a change of pace.

Neither will show much impact if an offensive line that's featuring three new starters doesn't jell. Tackles Aaron Johnson and Ryan Carter, both 6'5", return. David Miller, John Moore, Jeff Theil and Shane Smith will be tried at guard.

Brian Conn opened spring drills as the No. 1 quarterback. Conn, a sophomore, started two games last year, throwing two touchdowns in 61 attempts before an injury in the next-to-last game of the year. Lynch has shown patience with Conn but won't hesitate to go with junior Clay Walters if Conn flames out during BSU's treacherous September slate.

Wide receiver is the only offensive position of certainty for Lynch, who has one of the MAC's better playmakers in Adrian Reese (341 yards receiving). Reese, a 5'9" senior, has started 22 straight games and was 17th in the country in punt-return average (12.1) last year. Montez Currin was effective as a possession receiver in spurts and should start opposite Reese; third receiver Jermaine Jordan, at 6-foot-2, is a big, athletic target. Fifth-year senior Jimmy Place is a load (6'7") at tight end.

Ball State's defense was overworked and really started to wear down toward the end of the year, but the pieces are there for improvement. Sunungura Rusunuguku was held out of spring practice but is probable to play this fall. He had four sacks in 1997 and would give an anemic pass rush a serious kick. The downside of his absence was a young and undersized defensive line that was usually overwhelmed. The upside was that two potential stars got their battle scars — sophomore Mark Zackery, a plugger (5'11", 270) who started every game at tackle and had



Colin Westrich, Toledo

seven stops for loss, and sophomore end Bayette George (three sacks).

A replacement must be found for gritty Damon Hummel. BSU recorded just 12 sacks and opponents ran for more than 210 yards per game in 1998, and the line was the main reason why.

The linebacking corps is among the best in the league and Lynch is switching from a 4-3 defense to 4-4 to take advantage of it. Middle linebacker Marlon Llewellyn tallied a team-best 141 tackles last year, his first as a starter, including 11 behind the line of scrimmage.

Ernest Pressley had six double-digit tackle games at the other inside linebacker slot and matches Llewellyn's relentlessness. Larry Davis moved to defense in the last six games of 1998 after starting his career at wide receiver and was a hit at outside linebacker — totaling two sacks, three passes broken up and two interceptions. The Cardinals can't wait to see how he pans out over a full season.

Free safety Pete Smith is the cornerstone of an experienced (although often abused) secondary. Smith had 135 tackles and forced two fumbles.

Pint-sized cornerbacks Alger Boswell (5'7") and Lowell Faison (5'9") are going to need help from the pass rush to be effective. Neither picked off a pass, although Faison was credited with two pass deflections as a starter last year.

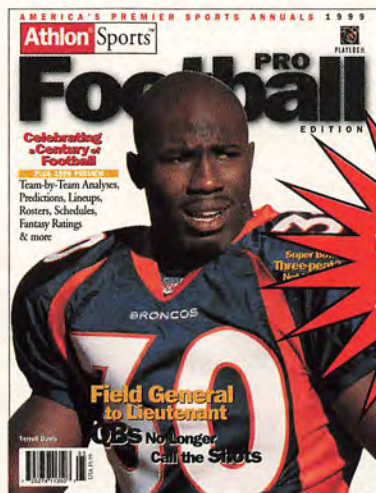
Reese makes Ball State's return units extremely formidable. The placekicking is significantly less stellar, unless Thomas Pucke can do better than making 1-of-4 from 30-to-39 yards (and just 4-of-8 overall). The new punter, either Kevin Jennings or Brad Kroft, figures to get a lot of work.

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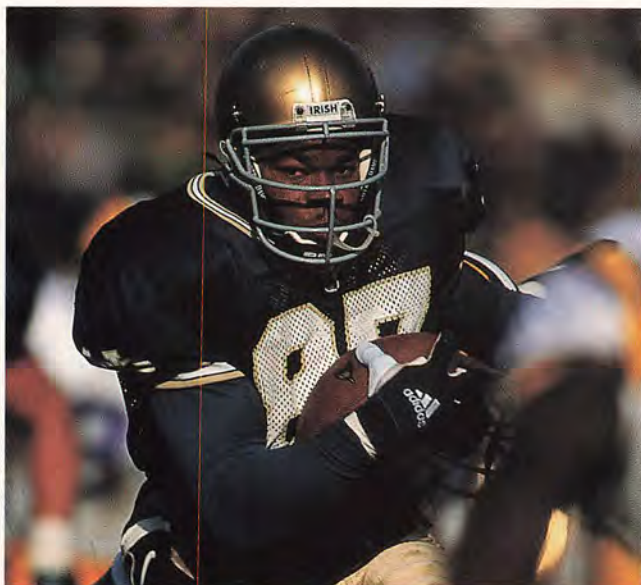
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Jabari Holloway

minds of the followers, there is little room for error this year.

Unfortunately for Davie, the history of the program has established a coach's third season as a national championship success or the road to ruin. Every Notre Dame coach to lead a team to a national championship has earned at least a share of one in his third season.

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November, Davie began to caution against expecting too much, too soon.

And last January, the morning after a Gator Bowl loss to Georgia Tech, Davie reinforced his viewpoint as he spoke of the progress of a 9-3 season. "I'm also conscious, as we all are, that there's a whole other level we have to get to," Davie said. "And I'm also conscious of the schedule we play next year. To be 9-3 next year, sitting here January first a year from now, is going to be a chore, based on whom we play. That's the reality of it."

quarterbacks

One year ago, senior Jarious Jackson was a respected veteran but an unknown quantity as a starter. By the frustrating end of the season, Jackson's absence from the sloppy 10-0 loss at USC confirmed his value. The sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee, suffered while taking an intentional safety in the final seconds of the victory over LSU, defined him as a franchise player.

The offense can now be built with confidence around Jackson's accurate throws (55.3 percent completions), his decision-making ability (six interceptions in 188 attempts) and the constant threat he presents to make something out of nothing. The challenge is to make sure that the backfield's extra ball carrier remains upright.

running backs

Tony Driver, a prize recruit two years ago, returns to the offense full-time for his junior season after a year at strong safety. He has the ability to be Charles Woodson in reverse, with cameo appearances in the secondary. Junior Darcey Levy and sophomore Tony Fisher could form a committee at tailback.

Senior Joey Goodspeed is the most experienced of the fullbacks, but a pair of sophomores, Mike McNair and Tom Lopienski, will compete for playing time. So will junior Jason Murray, if he can overcome his chronic shoulder injuries.

receivers

Bobby Brown's third season as a starter at flanker gives the senior a chance to demonstrate that his team-leading 45 catches in 1997 are a more accurate reflection of his talent than his 13 receptions last year. Brown did average 22 yards per catch in 1998. Seniors Raki Nelson and Jay Johnson, junior Joey Getherall and sophomores David Givens and Javin Hunter will challenge opposing secondaries with fresh bodies.

An overlooked sign of progress has been the development of the tight end position as an important part of the Irish passing game. Junior Jabari Holloway emerged as an important factor with 15 catches for 262 yards, and senior Dan O'Leary gives the Irish the option of an effective two-tight-end formation.

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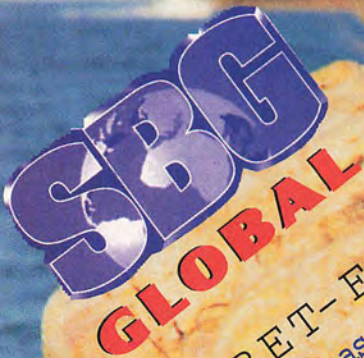


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The Wolverines came into South Bend last September as a defending national champion and left an embarrassed, exposed bunch. Payback can be a nasty business.

Nov. 6 — at Tennessee

If the Irish can survive the early trips to Michigan and Purdue, and then improve during a stretch of five consecutive home games, the game at Knoxville could have BCS implications. If not, a day with the Volunteer Navy may be just a long, loud afternoon.

will come from sophomores Donald Dykes and Clifford Jefferson.

specialists

Costly inconsistency has led coaches to target this area as a top priority for improvement. Special teams will not be placed on the back burner in practice plans. "The best players are on special teams," Davie says. "That doesn't necessarily mean it's a starter. It is the best player, period." The search for speed on return units will be essential for a team that did not produce a touchdown on punt or kickoff returns. Davie expects one or more of the newcomers to add explosiveness to the return game.

Jim Sanson overcame an off-season injury problem to make 11-of-15 field goals. Freshmen Nick Setta and Joey Hildbold may have a chance to earn the punting job.

Tony Driver

offensive linemen

The personality and cohesiveness of a restructured group up front will determine the effectiveness of the offense. Aside from John Merandi, a senior center and lone returning full-time starter, the line can call upon 181 minutes of playing time and three starts. But last season's seniors felt a responsibility to prepare their replacements.

Sophomores Ryan Scarola and Jordan Black and junior John Teasdale lead the candidates at tackle. Senior Mike Gandy is the most experienced of the guards — he started the last three games — followed by senior Jim Jones and junior Kurt Vollers.

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The combined career rushing yards of returning tailbacks Tony Driver, Tony Fisher and Darcey Levy. The figure is 4,096 less than the total of departed tailback Autry Denson, Notre Dame's career rushing leader.

defensive linemen

Last season's uncertain rotation has developed into this season's strength. The line depth will allow the Irish to employ a four-man front as they search for the consistent push that was missing through much of last year. Junior Grant Irons, limited as an outside linebacker by a neck and shoulder injury, has

made the anticipated move to defensive end. He will join senior tackles Brad Williams and Lance Legree, senior end Lamont Bryant and sophomore Anthony Weaver, a starter at end in 11 games as a freshman.

linebackers

A unit without a returning starter cannot be expected to equal the leadership of last year's group. But there is optimism after junior Anthony Denman, senior Joe Ferrer and sophomore Rocky Boiman made significant contributions in backup roles. A pair of sophomores with high expectations, Carlos Pierre-Antoine and Tyreo Harrison, could have breakthrough seasons.

defensive backs

Senior safeties A'Jani Sanders and Deke Cooper will provide stability. The cornerback position, a chronic problem area, must be resolved early. Senior Deveron Harper and junior Brock Williams, who was suspended in the spring for an unspecified violation of team rules, will compete to hold their starting spots. Challenges

Outside the Huddle

One more cupcake The late addition of the season-opener against Kansas, in the Eddie Robinson Classic on Aug. 28, serves two purposes. The game will provide low-risk preparation for early road games at Michigan and Purdue. And the presence of the Jayhawks gives the Irish eight opponents coming off seasons with records of .500 or worse.

One more year Notre Dame emphasizes that it does not redshirt players. But the seniors who have successfully applied to the university for a fifth year of eligibility will provide essential leadership. Think of the Irish without Jarious Jackson, Lamont Bryant, Bobby Brown, A'Jani Sanders and Antwon Jones.

Orange-tinted The direction of the offensive scheme was made clear by the arrival of coordinator Kevin Rogers from Syracuse. With the Orangemen, Rogers orchestrated the successful and delicate balance of pass, run and the threat of the option in the development of quarterbacks such as Marvin Graves and Donovan McNabb.

Diminishing returns This is all you need to know about the need for improvement in the Irish return game. The last score on a kickoff return was a 40-yard run by Jarious Jackson after handling an onside kick in the final seconds of a victory at Pittsburgh in 1997.

1999 Notre Dame Roster

1998 Record: 9-3

Head Coach
Bob Davie

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
3	Battle, Arnaz	QB	6-1	207	So.	Shreveport, LA
78	Black, Jordan	T	6-6	313	So.	Rowlett, TX
30	Boiman, Rocky	OLB	6-4	238	So.	Okeana, OH
8	Brannan, Anthony	OLB	5-10	205	Sr.	Cedar Grove, NJ
68	Brennan, Matt	T	6-6	305	Sr.	Mobile, AL
88	Brown, Bobby	FL	6-2	193	Sr.	Lauderhill, FL
53	Bryant, Lamont	DE	6-3	260	Sr.	Georgetown, SC
14	Caputo, Jason	P	6-1	193	Sr.	Chatham, NJ
8	Chappell, Eric	QB	6-4	226	Sr.	Montgomery, AL
99	Ching, Jason	DE	6-3	260	Sr.	Honolulu, HI
1	Cooper, Deke	FS	6-2	219	Sr.	Evansville, IN
56	Crowther, John	LS	6-2	245	So.	Edina, MN
	Dempsey, Andrew	TE/DE	6-2	252	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
39	Denman, Anthony	ILB	6-2	230	Jr.	Rusk, TX
59	Dierckman, Brian	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
25	Driver, Tony	TB	6-1	214	Jr.	Louisville, KY
28	Dykes, Donald	CB	5-11	197	So.	Hammond, LA
40	Farrrell, Brendan	ILB	5-9	232	Sr.	Fairport, NY
41	Ferrer, Joe	OLB	6-2	235	Sr.	Casselberry, FL
12	Fisher, Tony	TB	6-2	223	So.	Eucled, OH
9	Francis, Dwayne	DB	6-0	189	So.	Houston, TX
69	Gandy, Mike	G	6-4	288	Sr.	Garland, TX
18	Getherall, Joey	SE	5-7	176	Jr.	Hacienda Hts., CA
14	Givens, David	SE	6-1	217	So.	Humble, TX
98	Glass, Eric	DT	6-4	252	Sr.	Howey, FL
4	Goodspeed, Joey	FB	6-0	242	Sr.	Montgomery, IL
28	Grady, Mike	FS	5-11	200	Sr.	Issaquah, WA
10	Harper, Deveron	CB	5-11	187	Sr.	Orangeburg, SC
51	Harrison, Tyreo	ILB	6-2	232	So.	Sulphur Springs, TX
48	Hebert, Johnathan	SE	5-11	199	Sr.	Houston, TX
87	Holloway, Jabari	TE	6-4	258	Jr.	Riverdale, CA
43	Holmes, Hugh	ILB	6-1	223	Jr.	Kissimmee, FL
32	Howard, Terrance	FS	6-1	193	So.	Willingboro, NJ
21	Hunter, Javin	FL	6-0	185	So.	Orchard Lake, MI
4	Irons, Grant	DE	6-5	263	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
37	Israel, Ron	FS	6-0	205	Jr.	Lawnside, NJ
7	Jackson, Jarious	QB	6-1	228	Sr.	Tupelo, MS
15	Jefferson, Clifford	CB	5-9	178	So.	Dallas, TX
11	Johnson, Jay	FL	6-0	191	Sr.	Starkville, MS
85	Jones, Antwon	DT	6-2	283	Sr.	Piqua, OH
55	Jones, Jim	G	6-3	307	Sr.	Chicago Ridge, IL
66	Jordan, J.W.	C	6-1	277	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
17	Juarez, Jeremy	FB	5-11	250	Jr.	Arcadia, CA
26	Lafayette, Lee	SS	5-9	196	Sr.	Hopkins Park, IL
39	Leck, Chris	SS	5-9	192	Sr.	Ashton, ID
90	Legree, Lance	DT	6-1	296	Sr.	St. Stephen, SC

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
31	Levy, Darcey	TB	6-2	211	Jr.	Aurora, CO
36	Lopienski, Tom	FB	6-1	259	So.	Hudson, OH
96	Mahan, Sean	DT	6-4	270	So.	Tulsa, OK
47	McNair, Mike	FB	6-0	242	So.	Corona del Mar, CA
64	Merandi, John	C	6-3	299	Sr.	Blue Jay, CA
35	Miller, David	K/P	5-11	190	So.	Granger, IN
52	Mitchell, Mark	OLB	5-8	218	Jr.	Memphis, TN
84	Morgan, Gerald	TE	6-4	261	So.	Mesquite, TX
40	Murray, Jason	FB	6-1	260	Jr.	Belle Vernon, PA
9	Nelson, Raki	SE	5-11	183	Sr.	Harrisburg, PA
34	Nicks, Ronnie	ILB	6-0	238	Sr.	Kilgore, TX
58	O'Connor, Brendan	G	6-2	301	Sr.	Bellefontaine, OH
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29	Oleniczak, Brian	DB	5-11	208	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
35	O'Neil, Tim	TB	5-5	163	So.	Troy, MI
89	Owens, John	TE	6-3	246	So.	Bowie, MD
20	Pierre-Antoine, Carlos	ILB	6-3	242	So.	Everett, WA
57	Rao, Luigi	ILB	5-10	208	Jr.	Monterey Park, CA
92	Recendez, Joe	TE	6-1	231	Sr.	South Holland, IL
83	Reynolds, Patrick	WR	5-11	184	So.	Wilson, WY
95	Roberts, Ryan	DE	6-2	253	So.	Lawnside, NJ
62	Robin, Casey	T	6-7	311	Jr.	Covington, LA
73	Roehl, Jeff	G	6-5	290	So.	Orland Park, IL
85	Rule, Mark	WR/QB	6-2	218	Sr.	Chagrin Falls, OH
5	Sanders, A'Jani	SS	5-10	193	Sr.	Houston, TX
19	Sanson, Jim	K	5-9	187	Sr.	Scottsdale, AZ
45	Sarb, Matt	CB	5-11	193	So.	Lisle, IL
72	Scarola, Ryan	T	6-5	303	So.	Export, PA
93	Scott, B.J.	DT	6-3	271	Sr.	Brookville, IN
16	Shingler, John	TE	6-2	252	Sr.	Wilmington, NC
29	Smith, Justin	CB	5-11	190	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL
76	Teasdale, John	T	6-6	306	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
92	Tibbles, Adam	K	5-11	197	So.	Northville, MI
63	Tribe, Mike	ILB	5-9	221	Sr.	Chicago, IL
91	VanHook-Drucker, Noah	DE	6-2	271	Sr.	Scottsdale, AZ
75	Vollers, Kurt	G	6-7	299	Jr.	Whittier, CA
34	Vukelich, Jascint	FB	5-10	229	Jr.	Cranberry, PA
	Walton, Shane	CB	5-11	185	So.	San Diego, CA
98	Weaver, Anthony	DE	6-3	261	So.	Saratoga Spgs., NY
77	Williams, Brad	DT	6-4	288	Sr.	Orange, CA
38	Williams, Brock	CB	5-10	190	Jr.	Hammond, LA
94	Wisne, Andy	DT	6-3	277	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
61	Zelenka, Mike	FB	6-0	218	Jr.	Berea, OH

1999 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Neal Ambron OL 6-7 275 Littleton, CO
 Rated 86th nationally by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. One of 14 players on the *Denver Post* Blue Chip list. Great-grandfather Thomas Konop was dean of Notre Dame's Law School from 1923-41.

Jason Beckstrom DB 5-10 185 Tulsa, OK
 Ran the 100 meters in 10.48 in 1998 to qualify for the state finals in track.

Darrell Campbell DL 6-4 245 South Holland, IL
 Rated 82nd nationally by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. First-team all-state. Made 67 solo tackles as a senior.

Brennan Curtin OL 6-8 295 Palm Beach, FL
 One of 10 offensive linemen on the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 team. Father Barry is a 1965 Notre Dame graduate.

Glenn Earl DB 6-1 185 Lisle, IL
 Made 56 tackles and four INTs last season en route to all-state status. *USA Today* honorable mention All-America pick.

Jeff Faine OL 6-3 310 Saint Mary, FL
USA Today first-team prep All-America. Rated one of the top 100 national prospects by the *Dallas Morning News* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Ryan Gillis OL 6-3 315 Bowie, MD
Parade All-America. Came from same high school as current Irish tight end John Owens. Rated as a top 30 national prospect by *Football News*.

Gary Godsey TE 6-7 255 Tampa, FL
 One of five tight ends on the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100. Rated 25th nationally by the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Joey Hildbold P/K 5-11 175 Centerville, VA
 Virginia first-team all-state punter. Averaged 39.7 yards per punt as a senior. Put 60 percent of his kick-offs into the end zone in 1998.

Cedric Hilliard DL 6-3 295 Arlington, TX
USA Today first-team All-America. Had 72 tackles as a senior. Rated 21st nationally by the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Julius Jones RB 5-11 185 Big Stone Gap, VA
 Named to the *Orlando Sentinel* All-Southern Team. Rushed for 2,564 yds and 36 TDs as a senior. Brother Thomas was All-ACC last year at Virginia.

Sean Milligan OL 6-4 285 Norcross, GA
USA Today second-team All-America offensive lineman. Ranked 86th on ESPN Top 100 list.

Jim Molinaro DL 6-7 240 Bethlehem, PA
USA Today honorable mention All-America. Played tackle on both offense and defense as a senior.

Albert Poree DB 5-10 185 New Orleans, LA
 Made 58 tackles and 5 INTs as a senior cornerback. Tied 4.35 in the 40.

Pat Ryan LB 6-3 220 Billings, MT
 Two-time Montana Class AA Defensive Player of the Year. Made 156 solo tackles in 1998. Father Bill is a 1965 Notre Dame graduate.

Gerome Sapp DB 6-0 210 Houston, TX
Parade All-America. *USA Today* first-team All-America defensive back. Rated the 15th best nationwide by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Collected five INTs as a senior, returning two for touchdowns.

Nick Setta K/P 6-0 160 Lockport, IL
Parade All-America. *USA Today* first-team All-America punter. Punted 39 times for a 47.8-yard average as a senior, including boots of 68, 61 and 60 yards.

Jamaar Taylor WR 6-0 200 Mission, TX
 Rated one of the top 100 prospects in Texas by the *Dallas Morning News*. Caught 41 passes for 972 yards and six scores in 1998.

Justin Thomas LB 6-2 230 Spencer, OK
 Named Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-state by Oklahoma City's *Daily Oklahoman*. Made 145 tackles and three fumble recoveries as a senior.

Courtney Watson RB 6-2 205 Sarasota, FL
 Rushed for nearly 1,300 yards as a senior to earn All-Sarasota area honors.

Chris Yura RB/DB5-11 195 Morgantown, WV
 Rated 73rd among Top 100 national players by the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Finished with 103 career TDs.

Depth Chart

OFFENSE (3)

SE 88 Bobby Brown (Sr., 3)	9 Raki Nelson (Sr., 3)
LT 72 Ryan Scarola (So., 0)	68 Matt Brennan (Sr., 0)
LG 75 Kurt Vollers (Jr., 0)	55 Jim Jones (Sr., 0)
C 64 John Merandi (Sr., 2)	66 J.W. Jordan (Jr., 0)
RG 69 Mike Gandy (Sr., 1)	73 Jeff Roehl (So., 0)
RT 76 John Teasdale (Jr., 1)	78 Jordan Black (So., 0)
TE 87 Jabari Holloway (Jr., 2)	86 Dan O'Leary (Sr., 2)
QB 7 Jarious Jackson (Sr., 3)	3 Arnaz Battle (So., 1)
FB 45 Joey Goodspeed (Sr., 3)	47 Mike McNair (So., 0)
TB 25 Tony Driver (Jr., 2)	12 Tony Fisher (So., 1)
FL 14 David Givens (So., 1)	18 Joey Getherall (Jr., 2)

DEFENSE (8)

LE 98 Anthony Weaver (So., 1)	99 Jason Ching (Sr., 1)
LT 90 Lance Legree (Sr., 2)	85 Antwon Jones (Sr., 3)
RT 77 Brad Williams (Sr., 3)	93 B.J. Scott (Sr., 1)
RE 53 Lamont Bryant (Sr., 3)	44 Grant Irons (Jr., 2)
LB 30 Rocky Boiman (So., 1)	41 Joe Ferrer (Sr., 2)
LB 34 Ronnie Nicks (Sr., 2)	20 Carlos Pierre-Antoine (So., 0)
LB 39 Anthony Denman (Jr., 2)	51 Tyreo Harrison (So., 0)
LC 10 Deveron Harper (Sr., 3)	15 Clifford Jefferson (So., 0)
RC 38 Brock Williams (Jr., 2)	28 Donald Dykes (So., 0)
SS 5 A'Jani Sanders (Sr., 3)	26 Lee Lafayette (Sr., 2)
FS 1 Deke Cooper (Sr., 3)	37 Ron Israel (Jr., 1)

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 19 Jim Sanson (Sr., 3)
P 35 David Miller (So., 0)
KR 25 Tony Driver (Jr., 2)
PR 18 Joey Getherall (Jr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters
 Number after class indicates letters won

Top Returning Leaders

Passing: Jarious Jackson, 104-188-1,740-6, 13 TDs

Rushing: Jarious Jackson, 113 car., 441 yds., 3 TDs

Receiving: Jabari Holloway, 15 rec., 262 yds., 2 TDs

Scoring: Jim Sanson, 11 FGs, 31 XP, 64 points

Punting: none

Kicking: Jim Sanson, 11-15 FGs, 31-36 XP

Tackles: Deke Cooper, 78, 45 solo

Sacks: Lamont Bryant, 4

Interceptions: A'Jani Sanders, 3 for 29 yds.

1999 Schedule

Aug. 28	Kansas
Sept. 4	at Michigan
Sept. 11	at Purdue
Sept. 18	Michigan State
Oct. 2	Oklahoma
Oct. 9	Arizona State
Oct. 16	USC
Oct. 30	Navy
Nov. 6	at Tennessee
Nov. 13	at Pittsburgh
Nov. 20	Boston College
Nov. 27	at Stanford

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Rocky Boiman made a mark on special teams as a freshman. For the upcoming season, vacancies at linebacker should give Boiman a chance to win a spot with his aggressive approach.



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Johnson, "Moose" T.S.P. \$25	Johnson, "Moose" T.S.P. \$25
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Kelly, Andy (UT) A.S. \$12	Kelly, Andy (UT) A.S. \$12
Kline, Fred A.S. \$15	Kline, Fred A.S. \$15
Larner, Willie T.S. \$17	Larner, Willie T.S. \$17
Levens, Dorsey W.S. \$15	Levens, Dorsey W.S. \$15
Lilly, Bob T.S.P. \$19	Lilly, Bob T.S.P. \$19
Manning, Archie T.S. \$19	Manning, Archie T.S. \$19
Manning, Peyton Colts/UT \$479	Manning, Peyton Colts/UT \$479
Marino, D. U.D.A. Ltd. Ed. \$79	Marino, D. U.D.A. Ltd. Ed. \$79
Martin, Harvey T.P. \$25	Martin, Harvey T.P. \$25
McCarthy, Keenan \$15	McCarthy, Keenan \$15
McNair, Steve A.P.E. \$29	McNair, Steve A.P.E. \$29
McNown, Cade T.S.P. \$29	McNown, Cade T.S.P. \$29
Monk, Art J. \$25	Monk, Art J. \$25
Montana, J. (S.F. or ND) S.S. \$69	Montana, J. (S.F. or ND) S.S. \$69
Namath, J. (Jets or A.J.) S.S. \$69	Namath, J. (Jets or A.J.) S.S. \$69
Nease, Chuck W.S. \$19	Nease, Chuck W.S. \$19
Osbourne, Tom Comm. SI \$49	Osbourne, Tom Comm. SI \$49
Plummer, Walter A.S. \$89	Plummer, Walter A.S. \$89
Plummer, Jake \$35	Plummer, Jake \$35
Reno, Mel \$19	Reno, Mel \$19
Rice, Jerry T.P. C.W.I. \$69	Rice, Jerry T.P. C.W.I. \$69
Sayers, Gayle M.M. \$19	Sayers, Gayle M.M. \$19
Shula, Don HOF Plaque W.S. \$79	Shula, Don HOF Plaque W.S. \$79
Sistrunk, Ott \$15	Sistrunk, Ott \$15
Smith, Emmitt S.B./CWI \$59	Smith, Emmitt S.B./CWI \$59
Stabler, Ken A.S. \$149	Stabler, Ken A.S. \$149
Staubach, Roger S.S. \$29	Staubach, Roger S.S. \$29
Stewart, Kendall S.B. \$35	Stewart, Kendall S.B. \$35
Taylor, Fred RDM \$29	Taylor, Fred RDM \$29
Thermon, Joe T.S. \$29	Thermon, Joe T.S. \$29
Thomas, Thurman S.S. \$25	Thomas, Thurman S.S. \$25
Thomas, Z. W.S. \$19	Thomas, Z. W.S. \$19
Titte, Y.A. T.S.P. \$19	Titte, Y.A. T.S.P. \$19
Unitas, Johnny T.S. \$35	Unitas, Johnny T.S. \$35
Walton, Herschel (GA) S.S. \$35	Walton, Herschel (GA) S.S. \$35
Walters, Charlie T.S.P. \$15	Walters, Charlie T.S.P. \$15
White, Randy T.S. \$19	White, Randy T.S. \$19
White, Reggie W.S. \$39	White, Reggie W.S. \$39
Young, Steve C.W.I. \$59	Young, Steve C.W.I. \$59

BASEBALLS & 8 x 10 PHOTOS

Aaron, H. S.B. \$45	Aaron, H. S.B. \$45
Alomar, R. S.B. \$32	Alomar, R. S.B. \$32
Alomar, S. 97 W.S. S.B. \$45	Alomar, S. 97 W.S. S.B. \$45
Banks, E. T.S.P. \$29	Banks, E. T.S.P. \$29
Bauer, Hank \$15	Bauer, Hank \$15
Beard, R. \$9	Beard, R. \$9
Bench, Johnny \$25	Bench, Johnny \$25
Berra, Y. T.S.P. \$29	B

Division 1-A Conference

Predictions

ACC

1. Florida State
2. Georgia Tech
3. Virginia
4. North Carolina
5. NC State
6. Maryland
7. Clemson
8. Wake Forest
9. Duke

Big East

1. Virginia Tech
2. Miami
3. Syracuse
4. West Virginia
5. Boston College
6. Rutgers
7. Temple
8. Pittsburgh

Pac-10

1. Arizona
2. USC
3. UCLA
4. Arizona State
5. Oregon
6. California
7. Washington
8. Stanford
9. Oregon State
10. Washington State

Big Ten

1. Penn State
2. Michigan
3. Wisconsin
4. Ohio State
5. Purdue
6. Michigan State
7. Minnesota
8. Indiana
9. Illinois
10. Iowa
11. Northwestern

Big 12

NORTH

1. Nebraska
2. Colorado
3. Kansas State
4. Kansas
5. Missouri
6. Iowa State

SOUTH

1. Texas A&M
2. Texas
3. Texas Tech
4. Oklahoma State
5. Oklahoma
6. Baylor

SEC

EAST

1. Tennessee
2. Georgia
3. Florida
4. South Carolina
5. Vanderbilt
6. Kentucky

WEST

1. Alabama
2. Arkansas
3. LSU
4. Ole Miss
5. Auburn
6. Mississippi State

C-USA

1. Louisville
2. Southern Miss
3. Houston
4. East Carolina
5. Tulane
6. Memphis
7. Army
8. Cincinnati
9. UAB

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. San Diego State
3. Utah
4. Air Force
5. Wyoming
6. Colorado State
7. New Mexico
8. UNLV

WAC

1. TCU
2. Rice
3. SMU
4. Fresno State
5. Tulsa
6. UTEP
7. San Jose State
8. Hawaii

MAC

EAST

1. Marshall
2. Miami
3. Bowling Green
4. Ohio
5. Akron
6. Kent
7. Buffalo

WEST

1. Western Michigan
2. Toledo
3. Central Michigan
4. Eastern Michigan
5. Northern Illinois
6. Ball State

Big West

1. Idaho
2. Nevada
3. Boise State
4. Utah State
5. North Texas
6. New Mexico State
7. Arkansas State

Heineken Presents 1999 College Schedules

ACC

CLEMSON

CLEMSON, SC
(3-8)
S. 4 Marshall
S. 11 Virginia
S. 23 at Virginia Tech
O. 2 North Carolina
O. 9 at NC State
O. 16 at Maryland
O. 23 Florida State
O. 30 at Wake Forest
N. 6 Duke
N. 13 at Georgia Tech
N. 20 at South Carolina

DUKE

DURHAM, NC
(4-7)
S. 11 at East Carolina
S. 18 Northwestern
S. 25 Vanderbilt
O. 2 Florida State
O. 9 at Virginia
O. 16 Georgia Tech
O. 23 NC State
O. 30 at Maryland
N. 6 at Clemson
N. 13 Wake Forest
N. 20 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE

TALLAHASSEE, FL
(11-2)
S. 4 Louisiana Tech
S. 11 Georgia Tech
S. 18 NC State
S. 25 at North Carolina
O. 2 at Duke
O. 9 Miami
O. 16 Wake Forest
O. 23 at Clemson
O. 30 at Virginia
N. 13 Maryland
N. 20 at Florida

GEORGIA TECH

ATLANTA, GA
(10-2)
S. 4 at Navy
S. 11 at Florida State
S. 18 Central Florida
S. 23 Maryland
O. 9 North Carolina
O. 16 at Duke
O. 30 NC State
O. 6 at Virginia
N. 13 Clemson
N. 20 at Wake Forest
N. 27 Georgia

MARYLAND

COLLEGE PARK, MD
(3-8)
S. 2 at Temple
S. 11 Western Carolina
S. 18 West Virginia
S. 23 at Georgia Tech
O. 9 at Wake Forest
O. 16 Clemson
O. 23 North Carolina
O. 30 Duke
N. 6 at NC State
N. 13 at Florida State
N. 20 Virginia

NORTH CAROLINA

CHAPEL HILL, NC
(7-5)
S. 4 Virginia
S. 11 at Indiana
S. 25 Florida State
O. 2 at Clemson
O. 9 at Georgia Tech
O. 16 Houston
O. 23 at Maryland
O. 30 Furman
N. 6 Wake Forest
N. 11 NC State
N. 20 Duke

NC STATE

RALEIGH, NC
(7-5)
A. 28 at Texas@
S. 4 South Carolina
S. 18 at Florida State
S. 25 at Wake Forest
O. 9 Clemson
O. 16 Virginia
O. 23 at Duke
O. 30 at Georgia Tech
N. 6 Maryland
N. 11 North Carolina@
N. 20 at East Carolina
@BCA Football Classic
Charlotte, NC

VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
(9-3)
S. 4 at North Carolina
S. 11 at Clemson
S. 18 Wake Forest
S. 25 at BYU
O. 2 Virginia Tech
O. 9 Duke
O. 16 at NC State
O. 30 Florida State
N. 6 Georgia Tech
N. 13 Buffalo
N. 20 at Maryland

WAKE FOREST

WINSTON-SALEM, NC
(3-8)
S. 11 at Army
S. 18 at Virginia
S. 25 NC State
O. 2 Rutgers
O. 9 Maryland
O. 16 at Florida State
O. 23 UAB
O. 30 Clemson
N. 6 at North Carolina
N. 13 at Duke
N. 20 Georgia Tech

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE

CHESTNUT HILL, MA
(4-7)
S. 4 Baylor
S. 18 at Navy
S. 25 at Rutgers
O. 2 Northwestern
O. 9 at Temple
O. 16 Pittsburgh
O. 23 Miami
O. 30 at Syracuse
N. 13 West Virginia
N. 20 at Notre Dame
N. 26 at Virginia Tech

MIAMI

CORAL GABLES, FL
(9-3)
A. 29 Ohio State@
S. 4 Florida A&M
S. 18 Penn State
S. 23 at East Carolina
O. 9 at Florida State
O. 16 Temple
O. 23 at Boston College
O. 30 West Virginia
N. 6 at Pittsburgh
N. 13 at Virginia Tech
N. 20 Rutgers
N. 27 Syracuse
@Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium

PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, PA
(2-9)
S. 4 Bowling Green
S. 11 at Penn State
S. 18 Kent
O. 2 Temple
O. 7 Syracuse
O. 16 at North Carolina
O. 23 at Rutgers
O. 30 Virginia Tech
N. 6 Miami
N. 13 Notre Dame
N. 27 at West Virginia

RUTGERS

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
(5-6)
S. 4 at California
S. 11 at Michigan State
S. 25 Boston College
O. 2 at Wake Forest
O. 9 Virginia Tech
O. 16 at West Virginia
O. 23 Pittsburgh
O. 30 at Temple
N. 6 Navy
N. 13 Syracuse
N. 20 at Miami

SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, NY
(8-4)
S. 2 at Toledo
S. 11 Central Michigan
S. 18 Michigan
S. 25 West Virginia
O. 2 Tulane
O. 7 Pittsburgh
O. 16 at Virginia Tech
O. 30 Boston College
N. 6 Temple
N. 13 at Rutgers
N. 27 Miami

TEMPLE

PHILADELPHIA, PA
(2-9)
S. 2 Maryland
S. 11 at Kansas State
S. 18 at Akron
S. 25 at Marshall
O. 2 at Pittsburgh
O. 9 Boston College
O. 16 at Miami
O. 23 at West Virginia
O. 30 Rutgers
N. 6 at Syracuse
N. 20 Virginia Tech

VIRGINIA TECH

BLACKSBURG, VA
(9-3)
S. 4 James Madison
S. 11 UAB
S. 18 Clemson
O. 2 at Virginia
O. 9 at Rutgers
O. 16 Syracuse
O. 30 at Pittsburgh
N. 6 at West Virginia
N. 13 Miami
N. 20 at Temple
N. 26 Boston College

WEST VIRGINIA

MORGANTOWN, WV
(8-4)
S. 4 East Carolina@
S. 11 Miami (OH)
S. 18 at Maryland
S. 25 at Syracuse
O. 2 Navy
O. 16 Rutgers
O. 23 Temple
O. 30 at Miami
N. 6 Virginia Tech
N. 13 at Boston College
N. 27 Pittsburgh
@Charlotte, NC

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS

CHAMPAIGN, IL
(3-8)
S. 4 Arkansas State
S. 11 San Diego State
S. 18 at Louisville
S. 25 Michigan State
O. 2 at Indiana
O. 16 Minnesota
O. 23 at Michigan
O. 30 Penn State
N. 6 at Iowa
N. 13 at Ohio State
N. 20 Northwestern

INDIANA

BLOOMINGTON, IN
(4-7)
S. 4 Ball State
S. 11 North Carolina
S. 18 Kentucky
S. 25 at Penn State
O. 2 Illinois
O. 9 Northwestern
O. 16 at Wisconsin
O. 23 at Iowa
O. 30 Michigan
N. 13 at Minnesota
N. 20 Purdue

IOWA

IOWA CITY, IA
(3-8)
S. 4 Nebraska
S. 11 at Iowa State
S. 18 Northern Illinois
S. 25 at Michigan State
O. 9 Penn State
O. 16 at Northwestern
O. 23 Indiana
O. 30 at Ohio State
N. 6 Illinois
N. 13 at Wisconsin
N. 20 Minnesota

MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MI
(10-2)
S. 4 Notre Dame
S. 11 Ball State
S. 18 at Syracuse
S. 25 at Wisconsin
O. 2 Purdue
O. 9 at Michigan State
O. 23 Illinois
O. 7 at Indiana
N. 6 Northwestern
N. 13 at Penn State
N. 20 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE

EAST LANSING, MI
(6-6)
S. 2 Oregon
S. 11 Eastern Michigan
S. 18 at Notre Dame
S. 25 at Illinois
O. 2 Iowa
O. 9 Michigan
O. 16 at Purdue
O. 23 at Wisconsin
N. 6 Ohio State
N. 13 at Northwestern
N. 20 Penn State

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS, MN
(5-6)
S. 4 Ohio
S. 11 at NE Louisiana
S. 18 Illinois State
O. 2 at Northwestern
O. 9 Wisconsin
O. 16 at Illinois
O. 23 Ohio State
O. 30 Purdue
N. 6 at Penn State
N. 13 Indiana
N. 20 at Iowa

NORTHWESTERN

EVANSTON, IL
(3-9)
S. 4 Miami (Ohio)
S. 11 TCU
S. 18 at Duke
S. 25 at Purdue
S. 25 Minnesota
O. 9 at Indiana
O. 16 Iowa
O. 30 Wisconsin
N. 6 at Michigan
N. 13 Michigan State
N. 20 at Illinois

OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS, OH
(11-1)
A. 29 Miami@
S. 11 UCLA
S. 18 Ohio
O. 2 Wisconsin
O. 9 Purdue
O. 16 at Penn State
O. 23 at Minnesota
O. 30 Iowa
N. 6 at Michigan State
N. 13 Illinois
N. 20 at Michigan
@Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium

PENN STATE

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA
(9-3)
A. 28 Arizona@
S. 4 Akron
S. 11 Pittsburgh
S. 18 at Miami
S. 25 Illinois
O. 9 at North Texas
O. 16 Ohio State
O. 23 at Purdue
O. 30 at Illinois
O. 16 Minnesota
N. 13 Michigan
N. 20 at Michigan State
@Pigskin Classic

PURDUE

WEST LAFAYETTE, IN
(9-4)
S. 4 at Central Florida
S. 11 Notre Dame
S. 18 Central Michigan
S. 25 Northwestern
O. 2 at Michigan
O. 9 at Ohio State
O. 16 Michigan State
O. 23 Penn State
O. 30 at Minnesota
N. 6 Wisconsin
N. 20 at Indiana

WISCONSIN

MADISON, WI
(11-1)
S. 4 Murray State
S. 11 Cincinnati
S. 18 Michigan
O. 2 at Ohio State
O. 9 at Minnesota
O. 16 Indiana
O. 23 Michigan State
O. 30 at Northwestern
N. 6 at Purdue
N. 13 Iowa

BIG 12

BAYLOR

WACO, TX
(2-9)
S. 4 at Boston College
S. 11 UNLV
S. 18 at Oklahoma
S. 25 Kansas
O. 2 North Texas
O. 9 at Texas A&M
O. 23 Texas Tech
O. 30 at Kansas State
N. 6 at Kansas
N. 13 Colorado
N. 20 Oklahoma State

COLORADO

BOULDER, CO
(8-4)
S. 4 Colorado State
S. 11 San Jose State
S. 18 Kansas
S. 25 at Washington
O. 9 Missouri
O. 16 at Texas Tech
O. 23 at Iowa State
O. 30 Oklahoma
N. 6 at Kansas State
N. 13 at Baylor
N. 26 Nebraska

IOWA STATE

AMES, IA
(3-8)
S. 2 Indiana State
S. 11 Iowa
S. 18 at UNLV
S. 25 Kansas State
O. 9 at Nebraska
O. 16 at Missouri
O. 23 Colorado
O. 30 Texas
N. 6 at Texas Tech
N. 13 Oklahoma
N. 20 at Kansas

KANSAS

LAWRENCE, KS
(4-7)
A. 28 at Notre Dame@
S. 11 Cal State Northridge
S. 18 at Colorado
S. 25 San Diego State
O. 2 SMU
O. 9 at Kansas State
O. 16 at Texas A&M
O. 23 Missouri
O. 30 Nebraska
N. 6 Baylor
N. 13 at Oklahoma State
N. 20 Iowa State
@Eddie Robinson Classic

KANSAS STATE

MANHATTAN, KS
(11-2)
S. 11 Temple
S. 18 UTEP
S. 25 at Iowa State
O. 2 at Texas
O. 9 Kansas
O. 16 Utah State
O. 23 at Oklahoma State
O. 30 Baylor
N. 6 Colorado
N. 13 at Nebraska
N. 20 Missouri

MISSOURI

COLUMBIA, MO
(8-4)
S. 4 UAB
S. 18 Western Michigan
S. 25 Nebraska
O. 2 at Memphis
O. 9 at Colorado
O. 16 Iowa State
O. 23 at Kansas
O. 30 Texas Tech
N. 6 at Oklahoma
N. 13 Texas A&M
N. 20 at Kansas State

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN, NE
(9-4)
S. 4 at Iowa
S. 11 California
S. 18 Southern Miss
S. 25 at Missouri
O. 2 Oklahoma State
O. 9 Iowa State
O. 23 at Texas
O. 30 at Kansas
N. 6 Texas A&M
N. 13 Kansas State
N. 26 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA

NORMAN, OK
(5-6)
S. 11 Indiana State
S. 18 Baylor
S. 25 at Louisville
O. 2 at Notre Dame
O. 9 Texas@
O. 23 Texas A&M
O. 30 at Colorado
N. 6 Missouri
N. 13 at Iowa State
N. 20 at Texas Tech
N. 27 Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE

STILLWATER, OK
(5-6)
S. 4 USL
S. 11 Tulsa
S. 18 at Mississippi State
O. 2 at Nebraska
O. 23 Texas Tech
O. 30 Kansas State
O. 30 at Texas A&M
N. 6 Texas
N. 13 Kansas
N. 20 at Baylor
N. 27 at Oklahoma

TEXAS

AUSTIN, TX
(9-3)
A. 28 NC State@
S. 4 Stanford
S. 18 at Rutgers
S. 18 Rice
S. 25 at Baylor
O. 2 Kansas State
O. 9 Oklahoma@
O. 23 Nebraska
O. 30 at Iowa State
N. 6 Baylor
N. 13 at Iowa State
N. 26 at Texas A&M
@BCA Football Classic
@Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M

COLLEGE STATION, TX
(11-3)
S. 4 at Louisiana Tech
S. 18 Tulsa
S. 25 Southern Miss
O. 2 at Texas Tech
O. 9 Baylor
O. 16 Kansas
O. 23 at Oklahoma
O. 30 Oklahoma State
N. 6 at Nebraska
N. 13 at Missouri
N. 26 Texas

TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK, TX
(7-5)
S. 4 at Arizona State
S. 11 at USL
S. 18 North Texas
O. 2 Texas A&M
O. 9 at Oklahoma State
O. 16 Colorado
O. 23 at Baylor
O. 30 at Missouri
N. 6 Iowa State
N. 13 at Missouri
N. 26 Texas

BIG WEST

ARKANSAS STATE

JONESBORO, AR
(4-8)
S. 4 at Illinois
S. 11 at Mississippi
S. 18 at Memphis
S. 25 TCU
O. 2 Sam Houston
O. 9 at Utah State
O. 16 Idaho
O. 23 at North Texas
N. 6 at Boise State
N. 13 Nevada

BOISE STATE

BOISE, ID
(6-5)
S. 4 at UCLA
S. 11 Southern Utah
S. 18 at Hawaii
S. 25 New Mexico
O. 23 at Wake Forest
O. 16 at North Texas
O. 23 Nevada
O. 30 at Utah State
N. 6 Arkansas State
N. 13 New Mexico State
N. 20 at Idaho

IDAHO

MOSCOW, ID
(9-3)
S. 11 at Auburn
S. 18 at Washington State
O. 2 at Wyoming
O. 9 North Texas
O. 16 at Arkansas State
O. 23 Utah State
O. 30 at New Mexico State
N. 6 at Nevada
N. 13 at Montana
N. 20 Boise State

NEVADA

RENO, NV
(6-5)
S. 2 Oregon State
S. 11 at Colorado State
S. 18 at Oregon
S. 25 Fresno State
O. 2 UNLV
O. 9 at New Mexico State
O. 23 at Boise State
O. 30 North Texas
N. 6 Idaho
N. 13 at Arkansas State
N. 20 Utah State

NEW MEXICO STATE

LAS CRUCES, NM
(3-8)
S. 4 New Mexico Highlands
S. 11 at New Mexico
S. 18 at Arizona State
S. 25 at UTEP
S. 18 Colorado State
O. 9 Nevada
O. 23 at Army
O. 30 Idaho
N. 6 at Utah State
N. 13 at Boise State
N. 20 North Texas

NORTH TEXAS

DENTON, TX
(3-8)
S. 2 UNLV
S. 11 at LSU
S. 18 at Texas Tech
O. 2 at Baylor
O. 9 at Idaho
O. 16 Boise State
O. 23 Arkansas State
O. 30 at Nevada
N. 13 at TCU
N. 20 at New Mexico State
N. 27 Utah State

UTAH STATE

LOGAN, UT
(3-8)
S. 4 at Georgia
S. 11 Stephen F. Austin
S. 18 at Utah
O. 9 Arkansas State
O. 16 at Kansas State
O. 23 at Kansas State
O. 30 Boise State
N. 6 New Mexico State
N. 20 at Nevada
N. 27 at North Texas

C-USA

ARMY
WEST POINT, NY
(3-8)
S. 11 Wake Forest
S. 18 at Tulane
S. 25 Ball State
O. 2 East Carolina
O. 7 Louisville
O. 16 at Southern Miss
O. 23 New Mexico State
N. 6 at Air Force
N. 13 at Memphis
N. 20 Houston
D. 4 Navy@
@Philadelphia, PA

CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, OH
(4-7)
S. 4 Kent
S. 11 Troy State
S. 18 Wisconsin
O. 25 at Ohio State
O. 9 at Houston
O. 16 UAB
O. 23 at Southern Miss
O. 30 at Miami (Ohio)
N. 6 Louisville
N. 13 at East Carolina
N. 20 Memphis

EAST CAROLINA

GREENVILLE, NC
(6-5)
S. 4 West Virginia@
S. 11 Duke
S. 18 at South Carolina
S. 25 Miami
O. 2 at Army
O. 9 Southern Miss
O. 23 Tulane
O. 30 at Houston
N. 6 at UAB
N. 13 Cincinnati
N. 20 NC State
@Charlotte, N.C.

HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TX
(3-8)
S. 4 Rice
S. 11 at Alabama
S. 18 USL
S. 25 at UAB
O. 9 Cincinnati
O. 16 at North Carolina
O. 23 East Carolina
O. 30 East Carolina
N. 6 Tulane
N. 13 at LSU
N. 20 at Army

LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, KY
(7-5)
S. 4 at Kentucky
S. 11 Chattanooga
S. 18 Illinois
S. 25 Oklahoma
O. 2 Eastern Michigan
O. 7 at Army
O. 16 at Memphis
O. 23 Houston
O. 30 UAB
N. 6 at Cincinnati
N. 20 Southern Miss

MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS, TN
(2-9)
S. 4 Ole Miss
S. 11 at Mississippi State
S. 18 Arkansas State
S. 25 at Tennessee
O. 2 Missouri
O. 9 at UAB
O. 16 Louisville
O. 30 at Tulane
N. 6 Southern Miss
N. 13 Army
N. 20 at Cincinnati

SOUTHERN MISS

HATTIESBURG, MS
(7-5)
S. 4 Tulane
S. 11 Northwestern St.
S. 18 at Nebraska
S. 25 at Texas A&M
O. 9 at East Carolina
O. 16 Army
O. 23 Cincinnati
O. 30 at Alabama
N. 6 at Memphis
N. 13 USL
N. 20 at Louisville

TULANE

NEW ORLEANS, LA
(12-0)
S. 4 at Southern Miss
S. 11 SMU
S. 18 Army
S. 25 at Syracuse
O. 2 at Mississippi
O. 16 USL
O. 23 at East Carolina
O. 30 Memphis
N. 6 at Houston
N. 13 at Navy
N. 20 UAB

UAB

BIRMINGHAM, AL
(4-7)
S. 4 at Missouri
S. 11 at Virginia Tech
S. 25 Houston
O. 2 NE Louisiana
O. 9 Memphis
O. 16 at Cincinnati
O. 23 at Wake Forest
O. 30 at Louisville
N. 6 East Carolina
N. 13 Louisiana Tech
N. 20 at Tulane

MID-AMERICAN

AKRON

AKRON, OH
(4-7)
S. 4 at Penn State
S.11 at Buffalo
S.18 Temple
S.25 at Eastern Michigan
O. 2 at Ball State
O. 9 Ohio
O.16 Bowling Green
O.23 at Navy
O.30 Western Michigan
N. 6 at Miami (Ohio)
N.13 Kent

BALL STATE

MUNCIE, IN
(1-10)
S. 4 at Indiana
S.11 at Wisconsin
S.18 Toledo
S.25 at Army
O. 2 Akron
O. 9 at Northern Illinois
O.23 at Western Michigan
O.30 Ohio
N. 6 at Eastern Michigan
N.13 at Bowling Green
N.20 Central Michigan

BOWLING GREEN

BOWLING GREEN, OH
(5-6)
S. 4 at Pittsburgh
S.11 Tennessee Tech
S.18 at Marshall
S.25 at Kent
O. 2 Toledo
O. 9 Miami (Ohio)
O.16 at Akron
O.23 at Ohio
O.30 Central Michigan
N.13 Ball State
N.20 at Central Florida

BUFFALO

BUFFALO, NY
(4-7)
S.11 Akron
S.18 at Connecticut
S.25 at Ohio
O. 2 Northern Illinois
O. 9 Central Michigan
O.16 at Western Michigan
O.23 Marshall
O.30 at Kent
N. 6 Hofstra
N.13 at Virginia
N.20 at Miami (Ohio)

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

MT. PLEASANT, MI
(6-5)
S. 2 Eastern Illinois
S.11 at Syracuse
S.18 at Purdue
S.25 Miami (Ohio)
O. 2 at Western Michigan
O. 9 at Buffalo
O.16 Northern Illinois
O.30 at Bowling Green
N. 6 Toledo
N.13 Eastern Michigan
N.20 at Ball State

EASTERN MICHIGAN

YPSILANTI, MI
(3-8)
S.11 at Michigan State
S.18 at Miami (Ohio)
S.25 Akron
O. 2 at Louisville
O. 9 Western Michigan
O.16 Ohio
O.23 at Toledo
O.30 at Central Florida
N. 6 Ball State
N.13 at Central Michigan
N.20 at Northern Illinois

KENT

KENT, OH
(0-11)
S. 4 at Cincinnati
S.11 Navy
S.18 at Pittsburgh
S.25 Bowling Green
O. 2 at Ohio
O.16 Miami (Ohio)
O.23 at Northern Illinois
O.30 Buffalo
N. 6 Marshall
N.13 at Akron

MARSHALL

HUNTINGTON, WV
(12-1)
S. 4 at Clemson
S.11 Liberty
S.18 Bowling Green
S.25 Temple
O. 2 at Miami (Ohio)
O.16 Toledo
O.23 at Buffalo
O.30 Northern Illinois
N. 6 at Kent
N.13 at Western Michigan
N.20 Ohio

MIAMI (OHIO)

OXFORD, OH
(10-1)
S. 4 at Northwestern
S.11 at West Virginia
S.18 Eastern Michigan
S.25 at Central Michigan
O. 2 Marshall
O. 9 at Bowling Green
O.16 Ohio
O.30 Cincinnati
N. 6 Akron
N.13 at Ohio
N.20 Buffalo

NO. ILLINOIS

DEKALB, IL
(2-9)
S. 2 Western Illinois
S.11 at Vanderbilt
S.18 at Iowa
S.25 Western Michigan
O. 2 at Buffalo
O. 9 Ball State
O.16 at Central Michigan
O.23 Kent
O.30 at Marshall
N.13 at Toledo
N.20 Eastern Michigan

OHIO

ATHENS, OH
(5-6)
S. 4 at Minnesota
S.11 Northern Iowa
S.18 at Ohio State
S.25 Buffalo
O. 2 Kent
O. 9 at Akron
O.16 at Eastern Michigan
O.23 Bowling Green
O.30 at Ball State
O.16 at Akron
N.13 Miami (Ohio)
N.20 at Marshall

TOLEDO

TOLEDO, OH
(7-5)
S. 2 Syracuse
S.18 at Ball State
S.25 Massachusetts
O. 2 at Bowling Green
O. 9 Kent
O.16 at Marshall
O.23 Eastern Michigan
O.30 Louisiana Tech
N. 6 at Central Michigan
N.13 Western Michigan
N.20 Western Michigan

WESTERN MICHIGAN

KALAMAZOO, MI
(7-4)
S. 4 at Florida
S.11 Youngstown State
S.18 at Missouri
S.25 at Northern Illinois
O. 2 Central Michigan
O. 9 at Eastern Michigan
O.16 Buffalo
O.23 Toledo
O.30 at Akron
N.13 Marshall
N.20 at Toledo

MOUNTAIN WEST

AIR FORCE
COLO. SPRINGS, CO
(12-1)
S. 4 Villanova
S.18 at Washington
S.25 Wyoming
O. 2 at San Diego State
O. 9 at Navy
O.16 Utah
O.30 at BYU
N. 6 Army
N.13 UNLV
N.20 at Colorado State
N.27 at New Mexico

BYU

PROVO, UT
(9-5)
S. 9 Washington
S.16 Colorado State
S.25 Virginia
O. 2 at Utah State
O.16 at California
O.16 at New Mexico
O.23 at UNLV
O.30 Air Force
N. 6 at San Diego State
N.13 at Wyoming
N.27 Utah

COLORADO STATE

FORT COLLINS, CO
(8-4)
S. 4 at Colorado
S.11 Nevada
S.16 at BYU
O. 2 New Mexico State
O. 9 at Fresno State
O.16 San Diego State
O.23 at Wyoming
O.30 Utah
N. 6 at New Mexico
N.20 Air Force
N.27 at UNLV

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, NM
(3-9)
S. 4 at UTEP
S.11 New Mexico State
S.18 Northern Arizona
S.25 at Boise State
O. 9 at San Diego State
O.16 BYU
O.30 UNLV
N. 6 Colorado State
N.13 at Utah
N.20 at Wyoming
N.27 Air Force

SAN DIEGO STATE

SAN DIEGO, CA
(7-5)
S. 4 South Florida
S.11 at Illinois
S.18 at USC
S.25 at Kansas
O. 2 Air Force
O. 9 New Mexico
O.16 at Colorado State
O.23 at Utah
N. 6 BYU
N.20 at UNLV
N.27 Wyoming

UNLV

LAS VEGAS, NV
(0-11)
S. 2 at North Texas
S.11 at Baylor
S.18 Iowa State
S.25 Utah
O. 2 Nevada
O. 9 at Wyoming
O.16 at Eastern Michigan
O.23 BYU
O.30 at New Mexico
N.13 at Air Force
N.20 San Diego State
N.27 Colorado State

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, UT
(7-4)
S. 4 at Washington State
S.18 Utah State
S.25 at UNLV
O. 2 at Boise State
O. 9 NE Louisiana
O.16 at Air Force
O.23 San Diego State
O.30 at Colorado State
N. 6 Wyoming
N.13 New Mexico
N.27 at BYU

WYOMING

LARAMIE, WY
(8-3)
S. 4 at Tennessee
S.11 Weber State
S.25 at Air Force
O. 2 Idaho
O. 9 UNLV
O.16 at NE Louisiana
O.23 Colorado State
N. 6 Utah
N.13 BYU
N.20 New Mexico
N.27 at San Diego State

PAC TEN

ARIZONA
TUCSON, AZ
(12-1)
A.28 at Penn State
S. 4 at TCU
S.11 Middle Tennessee
S.18 Stanford
S.25 at Washington State
O. 9 USC
O.16 UTEP
O.23 Oregon
O.30 at UCLA
N. 6 Washington
N.13 at Oregon State
N.26 at Arizona State
@Pigskin Classic

ARIZONA STATE

TEMPE, AZ
(5-6)
S. 4 Texas Tech
S.18 New Mexico State
S.25 at California
O. 2 UCLA
O. 9 at Notre Dame
O.16 at Washington
O.23 Washington State
O.30 at Oregon
N. 6 USC
N.13 Stanford
N.26 Arizona

CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY, CA
(5-6)
S. 4 Rutgers
S.11 Nebraska
S.18 Arizona State
S.25 at Washington State
O. 2 at Florida
O.16 at UCLA
O.23 Washington
O.30 USC
N. 6 at Oregon State
N.13 Oregon
N.20 at Stanford

OREGON

EUGENE, OR
(8-4)
S. 2 at Michigan State
S.11 NE Louisiana
S.18 Nevada
S.25 USC
O. 2 at Washington
O. 9 at UCLA
O.23 at Arizona
O.30 Arizona State
N. 6 Washington State
N.13 at California
N.20 Oregon State

OREGON STATE

CORVALLIS, OR
(5-6)
S. 4 at Nevada
S.11 Fresno State
S.18 Georgia Southern
O. 2 at USC
O. 9 Washington
O.16 at Stanford
O.23 UCLA
O.30 at Washington State
N. 6 California
N.13 Arizona
N.20 at Oregon

STANFORD

STANFORD, CA
(3-8)
S. 4 at Texas
S.11 Washington State
S.18 at Arizona
S.25 UCLA
O. 2 San Jose State
O.16 Oregon State
O.23 at USC
O.30 at Washington
N.13 at Arizona State
N.20 California
N.27 Notre Dame

USC

LOS ANGELES, CA
(8-5)
S. 4 at Hawaii
S.18 San Diego State
S.25 at Oregon
O. 2 Oregon State
O. 9 at Arizona
O.16 at Notre Dame
O.23 Stanford
O.30 at California
N. 6 Arizona State
N.13 at Washington State
N.20 UCLA
N.26 Louisiana Tech

UCLA

LOS ANGELES, CA
(10-2)
S. 4 Boise State
S.11 at Ohio State
S.18 Fresno State
S.25 at Stanford
O. 2 at Arizona State
O. 9 Oregon
O.16 California
O.23 at Oregon State
O.30 Arizona
N.13 Washington
N.20 at USC

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, WA
(6-6)
S. 9 at BYU
S.18 Air Force
S.22 Colorado
O. 2 Oregon
O. 9 at Oregon State
O.16 Arizona State
O.23 at California
O.30 Stanford
N. 6 at Arizona
N.13 at UCLA
N.20 Washington State

WASHINGTON STATE

PULLMAN, WA
(3-8)
S. 4 Utah
S.11 at Stanford
S.18 at Idaho
S.25 Arizona
O. 2 California
O.23 at Arizona State
O.30 Oregon State
N. 6 at Oregon
N.13 USC
N.20 at Washington
N.27 at Hawaii

SOUTHEASTERN

ALABAMA
TUSCALOOSA, AL
(7-5)
S. 4 at Vanderbilt
S.11 Houston
S.18 Louisiana Tech
S.25 Arkansas
O. 2 LSU
O. 2 at Florida
O.16 at Ole Miss
O.23 Tennessee
O.30 Southern Miss
N. 6 LSU
N.13 Mississippi State
N.20 at Auburn
@Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS

FAYETTEVILLE, AR
(9-3)
S. 4 at SMU
S.11 NE Louisiana
S.25 Arkansas
O. 2 at Kentucky
O. 9 Middle Tennessee
O.16 South Carolina
O.30 Auburn
N. 6 at Ole Miss
N.13 Tennessee
N.20 Mississippi State
N.27 at LSU
@Little Rock, AR

AUBURN

AUBURN, AL
(3-8)
S. 4 Appalachian State
S.11 at LSU
S.18 Idaho
S.25 Ole Miss
O. 2 at Tennessee
O. 9 Mississippi State
O.16 Florida
N. 6 at Arkansas
N.13 Central Florida
N.20 Alabama

FLORIDA

GAINESVILLE, FL
(10-2)
S. 4 Western Michigan
S.11 Central Florida
S.18 Tennessee
S.25 at Kentucky
O. 2 Alabama
O. 9 at LSU
O.16 at Auburn
O.30 Georgia
N. 6 Vanderbilt
N.13 at South Carolina
N.20 Florida State
@Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA

ATHENS, GA
(9-3)
S. 4 Utah State
S.11 South Carolina
S.25 Central Florida
O. 2 LSU
O. 9 at Tennessee
O.16 at Vanderbilt
O.23 Kentucky
O.30 Florida
N.13 Auburn
N.20 at Ole Miss
N.27 at Georgia Tech
@Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY

LEXINGTON, KY
(7-5)
S. 4 Louisville
S.11 Connecticut
S.18 at Indiana
S.25 Florida
O. 2 Arkansas
O. 9 at South Carolina
O.16 LSU
O.23 at Georgia
N. 6 at Mississippi State
N.13 at Vanderbilt
N.20 Tennessee

LSU

BATON ROUGE, LA
(4-7)
S. 4 San Jose State
S.11 North Texas
S.18 Auburn
O. 2 at Georgia
O. 9 Florida
O.16 at Kentucky
O. 2 at Hawaii
O.30 Ole Miss
N. 6 at Alabama
N.13 Houston
N.27 Arkansas

OLE MISS

OXFORD, MS
(7-5)
S. 4 at Memphis
S.11 Arkansas State
S.18 Vanderbilt
S.25 St. Mary's (Calif.)
O. 2 at South Carolina
O. 9 Tulane
O.16 Alabama
O.30 at LSU
N. 6 Arkansas
N.20 Georgia
N.27 at Mississippi State

MISSISSIPPI STATE

STARKVILLE, MS
(5-5)
S. 4 Middle Tennessee
S.11 Memphis
S.18 Oklahoma State
S.25 South Carolina
O. 2 at Vanderbilt
O. 9 at Auburn
O.23 LSU
O.16 at Kentucky
N.13 at Alabama
N.20 Ole Miss

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA, SC
(1-10)
S. 4 at NC State
S.11 at Georgia
S.18 East Carolina
S.25 at Mississippi State
O. 2 Ole Miss
O. 9 Kentucky
O.16 at Arkansas
O.23 Vanderbilt
O.30 at Tennessee
N. 6 SMU
N.13 North Texas
N.20 Clemson

TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE, TN
(13-0)
S. 4 Wyoming
S.18 at Florida
S.25 Memphis
O. 2 Auburn
O. 9 Georgia
O.23 at Alabama
O.30 South Carolina
N. 6 Notre Dame
N.13 at Arkansas
N.20 at Kentucky
N.27 Vanderbilt

VANDERBILT

NASHVILLE, TN
(2-9)
S. 4 Alabama
S.11 Northern Illinois
S.18 at Ole Miss
S.25 at Duke
S.25 New Mexico State
O. 2 The Citadel
O.16 Georgia
O.23 at South Carolina
N. 6 at Florida
N.13 Kentucky
N.27 at Tennessee

WAC

FRESNO STATE
FRESNO, CA
(5-6)
S. 4 Portland State
S.11 at Oregon State
S.18 at UCLA
S.25 at Nevada
O. 2 TCU
O. 9 Colorado State
O.16 at SMU
O.23 UTEP
O.30 at Tulsa
N. 6 Rice
N.13 at Hawaii
N.20 San Jose State

HAWAII

HONOLULU, HI
(0-12)
S. 4 USC
S.11 Eastern Illinois
S.18 Boise State
S.25 at SMU
O. 2 UTEP
O. 9 Rice
O.23 at Tulsa
O.30 TCU
N. 6 at San Jose State
N.13 Fresno State
N.20 Navy
N.27 Washington State

RICE

HOUSTON, TX
(5-6)
S. 4 at Houston
S.11 at Michigan
S.18 at Texas
S.25 Navy
O. 2 at Tulsa
O. 2 Troy State
O.16 San Jose State
O.23 TCU
O.30 at SMU
N. 6 at Fresno State
N.13 UTEP

SAN JOSE STATE

SAN JOSE, CA
(4-8)
S. 4 at LSU
S.11 at Colorado
S.18 St. Mary's (Calif.)
S.25 Tulsa
O. 2 at Stanford
O. 9 at TCU
O.16 at Rice
O.23 SMU
O.30 at Notre Dame
N. 6 at Rutgers
N.13 Tulane
N.20 at Hawaii
D. 4 Army
@Philadelphia, PA

SMU

DALLAS, TX
(5-7)
S. 4 Arkansas
S.11 Tulane
S.18 Hawaii
O. 2 at Kansas
O. 9 at UTEP
O.16 Fresno State
O.23 at San Jose State
Rice
N. 6 at TCU
N.13 Cal State-Northridge
N.20 at Tulsa

TCU

FORT WORTH, TX
(7-5)
S. 4 Arizona
S.11 at Northwestern
S.18 at Arkansas State
O. 2 at Fresno State
O. 9 San Jose State
O.16 Tulsa
O.23 at Rice
O.30 at Hawaii
N. 6 SMU
N.13 North Texas
N.20 UTEP

TULSA

TULSA, OK
(4-7)
S. 4 SW Missouri State
S.11 at Oklahoma State
S.18 at Texas A&M
S.25 at San Jose State
O. 2 Rice
O.16 at Tulsa
O.23 Louisiana Tech
O. 9 at Fresno State
N. 6 at UTEP
N.13 NE Louisiana
N.20 SMU

UTEP

EL PASO, TX
(3-8)
S. 4 New Mexico
S.11 at Oregon
S.18 at Kansas State
S.25 New Mexico State
O. 2 at Hawaii
O. 9 SMU
O.16 at Arizona
O.23 at Fresno State
O.30 San Jose State
N. 6 Tulsa
N.13 at Rice
N.20 at TCU

IA INDEPENDENTS

CENTRAL FLORIDA
ORLANDO, FL
(9-2)
S. 4 Purdue
S.11 at Florida
S.18 at Georgia Tech
S.25 at Georgia
O. 2 Eastern Illinois
O.16 Nicholls State
O.23 Louisiana Tech
O.30 Eastern Michigan
N. 6 at Auburn
N.13 at Middle Tennessee
N.20 Bowling Green

LOUISIANA TECH

RUSTON, LA
(6-6)
A.28 at Florida State
S. 4 Texas A&M
S.11 Sam Houston State
S.18 at Alabama
O. 2 UTEP
O. 9 Rice
O.23 at Tulsa
O.30 TCU
N. 6 at San Jose State
N.13 Fresno State
N.20 Navy
N.27 Washington State

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

MURFREESBORO, TN
(5-5)
S. 4 at Mississippi State
S.11 at Arizona
S.18 Wofford
S.25 at USL
O. 2 Troy State
O. 9 at Arkansas
O.16 at Louisiana Tech
O.30 at NE Louisiana
N. 6 Tennessee-Martin
N.13 Central Florida
N.20 East Tennessee

NAVY

ANNAPOLIS, MD
(3-8)
S. 4 Georgia Tech
S.11 at Kent
S.18 Boston College
S.25 at Rice
O. 2 at West Virginia
O. 9 Air Force
O.23 Akron
O.30 at Notre Dame
N. 6 at Rutgers
N.13 Tulane
N.20 at Hawaii
D. 4 Army
@Philadelphia, PA

NE LOUISIANA

MONROE, LA
(5-6)
S. 4 Nicholls State
S.11 at Minnesota
S.18 at Arkansas
S.25 Northwestern State
O. 2 at UAB
O. 9 at Utah
O.16 Wyoming
O.23 at USL
O.30 Middle Tennessee
N. 6 at Louisiana Tech
N.13 at Tulsa

NOTRE DAME

SOUTH BEND, IN
(9-3)
A.28 Kansas
S. 4 at Michigan
S.11 at Purdue
S.18 Michigan State
O. 2 Oklahoma
O. 9 Oklahoma State
O.16 USC
O.30 Navy
N. 6 at Tennessee
N.13 at Pittsburgh
N.20 Boston College
N.27 at Stanford
@Eddie Robinson Classic

USL

LA FAYETTE, LA
(2-9)
S. 4 at Oklahoma State
S.11 Texas Tech
S.18 at Houston
S.25 Middle Tennessee
O. 2 Louisiana Tech
O. 9 at Washington State
O.16 at Tulane
O.23 NE Louisiana
O.30 at Arkansas State
N.13 at Southern Miss
N.20 Wofford

ATLANTIC 10

CONNECTICUT
STORRS, CT
(10-3)
S. 4 at Hofstra
S.11 at Kentucky
S.18 Buffalo
S.25 at Maine
O. 2 Rhode Island
O.16 Villanova
O.23 at James Madison
O.18 Richmond
N. 6 Northeastern
N.13 New Hampshire
N.20 at Massachusetts

DELAWARE

NEWARK, DE
(7-4)
S. 2 William & Mary
S.11 at The Citadel
S.18 West Chester
S.25 at James Madison
O. 2 Richmond
O.16 Lehigh
O.23 Massachusetts
O.30 at Northeastern
N. 6 New Hampshire
N.13 Rhode Island
N.20 at Villanova

JAMES MADISON

HARRISONBURG, VA
(3-8)
S. 4 at Virginia Tech
S.11 Northeastern
S.18 at New Hampshire
S.25 Delaware
O. 2 at Villanova
O.16 William & Mary
O.23 Connecticut
O.30 South Florida
N. 6 at Maine
N.13 Richmond
N.20 at Hofstra

MAINE

ORONO, ME
(6-5)
S. 4 at Colgate
S.11 Hofstra
S.18 Richmond
S.25 Connecticut
O. 2 McNeese State
O.16 Massachusetts
O.23 at Rhode Island
O.30 at William & Mary
N. 6 James Madison
N.13 at Northeastern
N.20 at New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS

AMHERST, MA
(12-3)
S.11 New Hampshire
S.18 at Villanova
S.25 at Toledo
O. 2 Hofstra
O. 9 Northeastern
O.16 at Maine
O.23 at Delaware
O.30 Rhode Island
N. 6 at William & Mary
N.13 Connecticut
N.20

NEW HAMPSHIRE

DURHAM, NH
(4-7)
S. 4 at Rhode Island
S.11 at Massachusetts
S.18 James Madison
S.25 at Richmond
O. 2 Stephen F. Austin
O.16 at Northeastern
O. 2 at South Florida
O.30 Villanova
N. 6 Delaware
N.13 at Connecticut
N.20 Maine

NORTHEASTERN BOSTON, MA (5-6)

S. 4 A/C
S.11 at James Madison
S.25 William & Mary
O. 2 at Boston College
O. 9 at Massachusetts
O.16 New Hampshire
O.23 at Villanova
O.30 Delaware
N.13 at Connecticut
N.13 Maine
N.20 at Rhode Island

RHODE ISLAND KINGSTON, RI (3-6)

S. 4 New Hampshire
S.18 Hofstra
S.25 Morgan State
O. 2 at Connecticut
O. 9 at Richmond
O.16 at Brown
O.23 Maine
O.30 at Massachusetts
N. 6 William & Mary
N.13 at Delaware
N.20 Northeastern

RICHMOND RICHMOND, VA (9-3)

S. 4 VMI
S.11 Villanova
S.18 at Maine
S.25 New Hampshire
O. 2 at Delaware
O. 9 Rhode Island
O.16 at Hofstra
O.30 at Connecticut
N. 6 Massachusetts
N.13 at James Madison
N.20 William & Mary

VILLANOVA PHILADELPHIA, PA (6-5)

S. 4 at Air Force
S.11 at Richmond
S.18 Massachusetts
S.25 at Pennsylvania
O. 2 James Madison
O. 9 at William & Mary
O.16 at Connecticut
O.23 Northeastern
O.30 at New Hampshire
N.13 Youngstown State
N.20 Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY WILLIAMSBURG, VA (7-4)

S. 2 at Delaware
S.11 at NC State
S.18 Furman
S.25 at Northeastern
O. 9 Villanova
O.16 James Madison
O.23 at VMI
O.30 Maine
N. 6 at Rhode Island
N.13 Massachusetts
N.20 at Richmond

BIG SKY

CAL ST.-NORTHBRIDGE NORTHBRIDGE, CA (7-4)

S. 4 Western Oregon
S.11 at Kansas
S.25 at Eastern Washington
O. 2 Idaho State
O. 9 at Montana
O.16 Cal St.-Sacramento
O.23 at Montana State
O.30 Weber State
N. 6 at Portland State
N.13 at SMU
N.20 Northern Arizona

CAL ST.-SACRAMENTO SACRAMENTO, CA (5-6)

S. 4 St. Mary's
S.11 at Montana
S.18 UC Davis
S.25 Montana State
O. 2 at Weber State
O. 9 Portland State
O.16 at Cal St.-Northridge
O.23 Northern Arizona
O.30 at Eastern Washington
N. 6 Idaho State
N.20 at Cal Poly-SLO

E. WASHINGTON CHENEY, WA (5-6)

S.11 Central Washington
S.18 at Portland State
S.25 Cal St.-Northridge
O. 2 at Northern Arizona
O. 9 at Boise State
O.16 Idaho State
O.23 at Montana
O.30 Cal St.-Sacramento
N. 6 at Montana State
N.13 Weber State
N.20 Southern Utah

IDAHO STATE POCATELLO, ID (3-8)

S. 4 Eastern Oregon
S.11 FL Lewis
S.18 at Weber State
S.25 Portland State
O. 2 at Cal St.-Northridge
O. 9 Northern Arizona
O.16 at Eastern Washington
O.23 at Southern Utah
O.30 Montana
N. 6 at Cal St.-Sacramento
N.13 Montana State

MONTANA MISSOULA, MT (8-4)

S. 4 South Dakota
S.11 Cal St.-Sacramento
S.25 Weber State
O. 2 at Portland State
O. 9 Cal St.-Northridge
O.16 at Northern Arizona
O.23 Eastern Washington
O.30 at Idaho State
N. 6 at Cal Poly-SLO
N.13 Idaho
N.20 at Montana State

MONTANA STATE BOZEMAN, MT (7-4)

S. 4 Chadron State
S.11 Western New Mexico
S.18 at Cal Poly-SLO
S.25 at Cal St.-Sacramento
O. 9 Weber State
O.16 at Portland State
O.23 Cal St.-Northridge
O.30 at Northern Arizona
N. 6 Eastern Washington
N.13 at Idaho State
N.20 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA FLAGSTAFF, AZ (7-4)

S. 4 Cal Poly-SLO
S.18 at New Mexico
S.25 at SW Texas State
O. 2 Eastern Washington
O. 9 at Idaho State
O.16 Montana
O.23 at Cal St.-Sacramento
O.30 Montana State
N.13 at Weber State
N.13 Portland State
N.20 at Cal St.-Northridge

PORTLAND STATE PORTLAND, OR (5-6)

S. 4 at Fresno State
S.11 Western Washington
S.18 Eastern Washington
S.25 Idaho State
O. 2 Montana
O. 9 at Cal St.-Sacramento
O.16 Montana State
O.23 at Weber State
O.30 at Cal Poly-SLO
N. 6 Cal St.-Northridge
N.13 at Northern Arizona

WEBER STATE OGDEN, UT (6-5)

S. 2 Western State (CO)
S.11 at Wyoming
S.18 Idaho State
S.25 at Montana
O. 2 Cal St.-Sacramento
O. 9 at Montana State
O.16 Southern Utah
O.23 Portland State
O.30 at Cal St.-Northridge
N. 6 Northern Arizona
N.13 at Eastern Washington

GATEWAY

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL, IL (8-4)

S. 2 Truman State
S.11 SE Missouri
S.18 at Minnesota
S.25 at SW Missouri State
O. 2 Northern Iowa
O. 9 Indiana State
O.16 at South Florida
O.23 at Southern Illinois
O.30 at Youngstown State
N. 6 Western Illinois
N.13 at Eastern Illinois

INDIANA STATE TERRE HAUTE, IN (5-6)

S. 2 at Iowa State
S.11 at Oklahoma
S.18 at Eastern Kentucky
S.25 Youngstown State
O. 2 at Illinois State
O.16 SE Missouri
O.23 Western Illinois
O.30 at Northern Iowa
N. 6 Southern Illinois
N.13 Western Kentucky
N.20 at SW Missouri State

NORTHERN IOWA CEDAR FALLS, IA (7-4)

S. 4 at McNeese State
S.11 at Ohio
S.18 Central Washington
S.25 Southern Illinois
O. 2 at Illinois State
O. 9 Cal Poly-SLO
O.16 at SW Missouri State
O.23 Youngstown State
O.30 Indiana State
N.13 at Western Illinois
N.20 Southwest State

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CARBONDALE, IL (3-8)

S. 2 at SE Missouri
S.11 Murray State
S.18 at Eastern Illinois
S.25 at Northern Iowa
O. 2 at South Florida
O.16 Youngstown State
O.23 at Western Illinois
O.30 Illinois State
O.30 SW Missouri State
N. 6 at Indiana State
N.20 Western Kentucky

SW MISSOURI STATE SPRINGFIELD, MO (5-6)

S. 4 at Texas
S.11 Tulsa Southern
S.18 Henderson State
S.25 Illinois State
O. 2 at Western Illinois
O.16 Northern Iowa
O.23 at SE Missouri
O.30 at Southern Illinois
N. 6 at Youngstown State
N.13 Tennessee-Martin
N.20 Indiana State

WESTERN ILLINOIS MACOMB, IL (11-3)

S. 2 at Northern Illinois
S.11 Mississippi Valley State
S.18 at Nicholls State
S.25 at Youngstown State
O. 2 SW Missouri State
O. 9 Elon College
O.16 Southern Illinois
O.23 at Indiana State
N. 6 Illinois State
N.13 Northern Iowa
N.20 Drake

YOUNGSTOWN STATE YOUNGSTOWN, OH (6-5)

S. 2 Slippery Rock
S.11 at Western Michigan
S.18 Indiana (Pa)
S.25 Western Illinois
O. 2 at Indiana State
O. 9 at Southern Illinois
O.16 Cal Poly-SLO
O.23 at Northern Iowa
O.30 Illinois State
N. 6 SW Missouri State
N.13 at Villanova

IVY LEAGUE

BROWN PROVIDENCE, RI (7-3)

S.18 at Yale
S.25 Lafayette
O. 2 Cornell
O. 9 Princeton
O.16 Rhode Island
O.23 at Pennsylvania
O.30 at Fordham
N. 6 Harvard
N.13 at Dartmouth
N.20 Columbia

COLUMBIA NEW YORK, NY (4-6)

S.18 at Harvard
S.25 Towson
O. 2 at Lehigh
O. 9 Cornell
O.16 Pennsylvania
O.23 Yale
O.30 at Princeton
N. 6 Dartmouth
N.13 at Cornell
N.20 at Brown

CORNELL ITHACA, NY (4-6)

S.18 at Princeton
S.25 Fordham
O. 2 at Harvard
O. 9 Brown
O.16 at Colgate
O.23 at Dartmouth
O.30 Wagner
N. 6 Yale
N.13 Columbia
N.20 at Pennsylvania

DARTMOUTH HANOVER, NH (2-8)

S.18 at Pennsylvania
S.25 Colgate
O. 2 at Lafayette
O. 9 Lehigh
O.16 at Yale
O.23 Cornell
O.30 at Harvard
N. 6 at Columbia
N.13 Brown
N.20 Princeton

HARVARD CAMBRIDGE, MA (4-6)

S.18 Columbia
S.25 at Holy Cross
O. 2 Colgate
O. 9 Cornell
O.16 at Fordham
O.23 Princeton
O.30 Dartmouth
N. 6 at Brown
N.13 Pennsylvania
N.20 at Yale

PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA, PA (8-2)

S.18 Dartmouth
S.25 Villanova
O. 2 Bucknell
O. 9 Fordham
O.16 at Columbia
O.23 Brown
O.30 at Yale
N. 6 Princeton
N.13 at Harvard
N.20 Cornell

PRINCETON PRINCETON, NJ (5-5)

S.18 Cornell
S.25 at Lehigh
O. 2 Fordham
O. 9 Brown
O.16 Lafayette
O.23 at Harvard
O.30 Columbia
N. 6 at Pennsylvania
N.13 Yale
N.20 at Dartmouth

YALE NEW HAVEN, CT (6-4)

S.18 Brown
S.25 Valparaiso
O. 2 at UC San Diego
O. 9 at Holy Cross
O.16 Dartmouth
O.23 at Columbia
O.30 Pennsylvania
N. 6 at Cornell
N.13 at Princeton
N.20 Harvard

METRO ATLANTIC

CANISUS BUFFALO, NY (3-7)

S.11 at Rochester
S.18 at St. Peter's
S.25 Fairfield
O. 2 Marist
O. 9 at La Salle
O.16 at Alfred
O.23 at Siena
O.30 Iona
N. 6 at St. John's
N.13 Georgetown
N.20 at Duquesne

DUQUESNE PITTSBURGH, PA (8-3)

S.11 La Salle
S.18 at Georgetown
S.25 St. Peter's
O. 2 at Marist
O. 9 St. John's
O.16 at Bucknell
O.23 at Iona
O.30 Siena
N.13 Georgetown
N.20 at Lafayette

FAIRFIELD FAIRFIELD, CT (9-2)

S.11 at Iona
S.18 Duquesne
S.25 at Canisius
O. 2 Central Conn State
O. 9 Siena
O.16 at Holy Cross
O.23 St. John's
O.30 at Georgetown
N. 6 Marist
N.13 La Salle
N.20 at St. Peter's

GEORGETOWN WASHINGTON, DC (9-2)

S.11 at Holy Cross
S.18 Siena
S.25 St. John's
O. 2 at Iona
O. 9 at Marist
O.16 Davidson
O.23 at St. Peter's
O.30 Fairfield
N. 6 Duquesne
N.13 at Canisius
N.20 La Salle

IONA NEW ROCHELLE, NY (4-6)

S.11 Fairfield
S.18 at La Salle
S.25 Sacred Heart
O. 2 Georgetown
O.16 at St. Peter's
O.23 at Siena
O.30 Duquesne
O.30 at Canisius
N.13 Marist
N.19 at St. John's

LA SALLE PHILADELPHIA, PA (3-6)

S. 4 St. Francis (PA)
S.11 at Duquesne
S.18 Iona
O. 2 at Lehigh
O. 9 Canisius
O.16 at Marist
O.30 St. Peter's
N. 6 St. John's
N.13 at Fairfield
N.20 at Georgetown

MARIST POUGHKEEPSIE, NY (7-3)

S.11 St. Peter's
S.18 at St. John's
S.25 Duquesne
O. 2 at Canisius
O. 9 Georgetown
O.16 La Salle
O.23 Wagner
O.30 at Lafayette
N. 6 at Fairfield
N.13 at Iona
N.20 Siena

ST. JOHN'S JAMAICA, NY (6-5)

S.11 St. Francis (PA)
S.18 Marist
S.25 at Georgetown
O. 9 at Duquesne
O.16 St. Peter's
O.23 at Fairfield
O.30 at La Salle
N. 6 Canisius
N.13 at Siena
N.19 Iona
N.26 at Stony Brook

ST. PETER'S JERSEY CITY, NJ (10-10)

S.11 at Marist
S.18 Canisius
S.25 at Siena
O. 2 at Duquesne
O. 9 Iona
O.16 at St. John's
O.23 Georgetown
N. 6 at La Salle
N.13 at Sacred Heart
N.20 Fairfield

SIENA LOUDBOROUGH, NY (4-6)

S.11 at Sacred Heart
S.18 at Georgetown
S.25 St. Peter's
O. 2 La Salle
O. 9 at Fairfield
O.16 Iona
O.23 Canisius
O.30 at Duquesne
N.13 St. John's
N.20 at Marist

MID-EASTERN

BETHUNE-COOKMAN DAYTONA BEACH, FL (8-2)

S. 4 Savannah State
S.11 Morgan State
S.18 at Morgan State
S.25 Morris Brown
O. 2 at Delaware State
O. 9 Johnson C. Smith
O.16 South Carolina State
O.30 North Carolina A&T
N. 6 Hampton
N.13 at Norfolk State
N.20 Florida A&M

DELAWARE STATE DOVER, DE (10-11)

S. 4 at Hampton
S.11 Elon
S.18 Norfolk State
S.25 at Bucknell
O. 2 Bethune-Cookman
O.16 at Hofstra
O.23 Morgan State
O.30 at Florida A&M
N. 6 North Carolina A&T
N.13 at South Carolina State
N.20 Howard

FLORIDA A&M TALLAHASSEE, FL (11-2)

S. 4 at Miami
S.11 Norfolk State
S.18 Tennessee State
S.25 at South Carolina State
O. 2 Morgan State
O. 9 at Howard
O.23 at Hampton
O.30 Delaware State
N. 6 Southern
N.13 at North Carolina A&T
N.20 Bethune-Cookman

HAMPTON HAMPTON, VA (9-3)

S. 4 Delaware State
S.11 at Howard
S.18 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S.25 Grandbluff
O. 2 Stony Brook
O. 9 at North Carolina A&T
O.16 at Norfolk State
O.23 Florida A&M
O.30 South Carolina State
N. 6 at Bethune-Cookman
N.20 Morgan State

HOWARD WASHINGTON, DC (7-4)

S. 4 at Jackson State
S.11 Hampton
S.18 at Bethune-Cookman
S.25 Texas Southern
O. 9 Florida A&M
O.23 at North Carolina A&T
O.30 at Norfolk State
N. 6 South Carolina State
N.13 at Morgan State
N.20 at Delaware State

MORGAN STATE BALTIMORE, MD. (1-10)

S. 4 at Bucknell
S.11 at Bethune-Cookman
S.18 South Carolina State
S.25 Rhode Island
O. 2 Florida A&M
O. 9 Towson State
O.16 North Carolina A&T
O.23 at Delaware State
N. 6 at Norfolk State
N.13 Howard
N.20 at Hampton

NORFOLK STATE NORFOLK, VA (2-9)

S. 4 Virginia State
S.11 at Florida A&M
S.18 at Delaware State
O. 2 North Carolina A&T
O. 9 at North Carolina State
O.16 Hampton
O.23 at Virginia Union
O.30 Howard
N. 6 Morgan State
N.13 Bethune-Cookman

NORTH CAROLINA A&T GREENSBORO, NC (8-3)

S. 4 North Carolina Central
S.11 at Winston-Salem State
S.25 Elon
O. 2 at Norfolk State
O. 9 Hampton
O.16 at Morgan State
O.23 Howard
O.30 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 6 Delaware State
N.13 Florida A&M
N.20 at North Carolina State
N.20 at Charlotte, NC

SOUTH CAROLINA ST. ORANGEBURG, SC (5-6)

S. 4 Charleston Southern
S.11 Furman
S.18 at Morgan State
S.25 Florida A&M
O. 2 The Citadel
O. 9 Norfolk State
O.16 at Bethune-Cookman
O.30 at Hampton
N. 6 at Howard
N.13 Delaware State
N.20 at North Carolina A&T
N.20 at Charlotte, NC

NORTHEAST ALBANY, NY (10-1)

S. 4 at Central Conn State
S.11 at Monmouth
S.18 Rowan
O. 2 Stony Brook
O. 9 at Wagner
O.15 at Mass-Lowell
O.23 at St. Francis (Pa.)
O.30 Robert Morris
N. 6 Sacred Heart

CENTRAL CONN. ST. NEW BRITAIN, CT (4-6)

S. 4 Albany
S.11 at Frostburg State
S.18 Robert Morris
O. 2 at Fairfield
O. 9 at St. Francis (Pa.)
O.16 at Wagner
O.23 Sacred Heart
O.30 at Stony Brook
N. 6 So. Conn State
N.13 Monmouth

MONMOUTH W. LONG BRANCH, NJ (5-5)

S. 4 at Towson
S.11 Albion
S.25 at Stony Brook
O. 9 C.W. Post
O.16 at St. Francis (Pa.)
O.23 Robert Morris
O.30 at Sacred Heart
N. 6 Wagner
N.13 at Central Conn State

ROBERT MORRIS CORAPOLIS, PA (4-6)

S. 4 at Buffalo State
S.11 Dayton
S.18 at Valparaiso
S.25 at Central Conn State
O. 2 Wagner
O.16 Sacred Heart
O.23 at Monmouth
O.30 at Albany
N. 6 St. Francis (Pa.)
N.20 Stony Brook

SACRED HEART FAIRFIELD, CT (2-8)

S. 4 at Assumption
S.11 Siena
S.18 at Wagner
O. 2 at Iona
O.16 St. Francis (Pa.)
O. 9 Stony Brook
O.23 at Robert Morris
O.30 Central Conn State
O.30 Monmouth
N. 6 at Albany
N.13 St. Peter's

ST. FRANCIS LORETO, PA (10-10)

S. 4 at La Salle
S.11 at St. John's
S.18 Butler
S.25 at Wagner
O. 2 at Sacred Heart
O. 9 Central Conn State
O.16 Monmouth
O.23 Albany
N. 6 at Robert Morris
N.13 at Stony Brook

STONY BROOK STONYBROOK, NY (3-7)

S. 4 Wagner
S.25 Monmouth
O. 2 at Albany
O. 9 at Sacred Heart
O.23 C.W. Post
O.30 Central Conn State
N. 6 San Diego
N.13 St. Francis (Pa.)
N.20 at Robert Morris
N.26 St. John's

WAGNER STATEN ISLAND, NY (7-3)

S. 4 at Stony Brook
S.18 Sacred Heart
S.25 St. Francis (Pa.)
O. 2 at Robert Morris
O.16 Central Conn State
O.23 at Marist
O.30 at Cornell
N. 6 at Monmouth
N.13 at San Diego

OHIO VALLEY CHARLESTON, IL (6-5)

S. 2 at Central Michigan
S.11 at Hawaii
S.18 Southern Illinois
S.25 Tenn-Martin
O. 2 at Central Florida
O. 9 at Mass-Lowell
O.16 at Murray State
O.23 Tennessee Tech
O.30 Western Kentucky
N. 6 at SE Missouri
N.13 Illinois State
N.20 at Eastern Kentucky

EASTERN KENTUCKY RICHMOND, KY (6-5)

S. 2 Kentucky State
S.11 at Appalachian State
S.18 Indiana State
S.25 at Samford
O. 2 at SE Missouri
O. 9 Western Kentucky
O.23 Tennessee-Martin
O.30 Tennessee State
N. 6 at Murray State
N.13 at Tennessee Tech
N.20 Eastern Illinois

MURRAY STATE MURRAY, KY (7-4)

S. 4 at Wisconsin
S.11 at Southern Illinois
S.18 SE Missouri
S.25 Albany State
O. 2 at Western Kentucky
O. 9 Tennessee-Martin
O.16 Eastern Illinois
O.23 Samford
O.30 at Tennessee Tech
N. 6 Eastern Kentucky
N.13 at Tennessee State

SE MISSOURI STATE CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO (3-8)

S. 2 Southern Illinois
S.11 at Illinois State
S.18 at Murray State
S.25 at Western Kentucky
O. 2 Eastern Kentucky
O. 9 Tennessee Tech
O.16 at Indiana State
O.23 SW Missouri State
O.30 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 6 Tennessee State
N.20 Tennessee State

TENNESSEE STATE NASHVILLE, TN (9-3)

S. 4 Alabama State
S.11 @Jackson State
S.18 @Florida A&M
O. 9 Eastern Illinois
O.16 at Tennessee-Martin
O.23 at Western Kentucky
O.30 Eastern Kentucky
N. 6 Tennessee Tech
N.13 Murray State
N.20 at SE Missouri
N.20 @Memphis, TN
N.20 @Atlanta, GA

TENNESSEE TECH COOKEVILLE, TN (4-7)

S.11 at Bowling Green
S.18 Liberty
S.25 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 9 at SE Missouri
O.16 Western Kentucky
O.23 at Eastern Illinois
O.30 Murray State
N. 6 at Tennessee State
N.13 Eastern Kentucky
N.20 at Samford

TENNESSEE-MARTIN MARTIN, TN (10-11)

S. 2 Western Kentucky
S.11 at Tennessee-Martin
S.18 at SE Missouri
S.25 Samford
S.25 at Eastern Illinois
O. 2 Tennessee Tech
O. 9 at Murray State
O.16 Tennessee State
O.23 at Eastern Kentucky
O.30 SE Missouri
N. 6 at Middle Tennessee
N.13 at SW Missouri State

WESTERN KENTUCKY BOWLING GREEN, KY (7-4)

S. 2 at Tennessee-Martin
S.11 Cumberland
S.18 South Florida
S.25 SE Missouri
S.25 Murray State
O. 9 at Eastern Kentucky
O.16 at Tennessee Tech
O.23 Tennessee State
O.30 at Eastern Illinois
N.13 at Indiana State
N.20 at Southern Illinois

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PATRIOT

BUCKNELL

LEWISBURG, PA
(6-5)
S. 4 Morgan State
S.11 at Colgate
S.18 Towson
S.25 Delaware State
O. 2 at Pennsylvania
O. 9 at Columbia
O.16 Duquesne
O.23 at Lafayette
N. 6 Holy Cross
N.13 Lehigh
N.20 at Fordham

COLGATE

HAMILTON, NY
(8-4)
S. 4 Maine
S.11 Bucknell
S.18 at Fordham
S.25 at Dartmouth
O. 2 at Harvard
O. 9 at Lafayette
O.16 Cornell
O.23 at St. Mary's
N. 6 Lehigh
N.13 Towson
N.20 at Holy Cross

FORDHAM

BRONX, NY
(4-7)
S.11 Lehigh
S.18 Colgate
S.25 at Cornell
O. 2 at Princeton
O. 9 at Pennsylvania
O.16 Harvard
O.23 at Towson
O.30 Brown
N. 6 at Lafayette
N.13 Holy Cross
N.20 Bucknell

HOLY CROSS

WORCHESTER, MA

(2-9)
S.11 Georgetown
S.18 Lafayette
S.25 Harvard
O. 2 at Towson
O. 9 Yale
O.16 Fairfield
O.23 at Lehigh
O.30 at St. Mary's-Calif.
N. 6 at Bucknell
N.13 at Fordham
N.20 Colgate

LAFAYETTE

EASTON, PA

(3-8)
S.11 at Towson
S.18 at Holy Cross
S.25 at Brown
O. 2 Dartmouth
O. 9 Colgate
O.16 at Princeton
O.23 Bucknell
O.30 Marist
N. 6 Fordham
N.13 Duquesne
N.20 at Lehigh

LEHIGH

BETHLEHEM, PA

(12-1)
S.11 at Fordham
S.18 Monmouth
S.25 Princeton
O. 2 Columbia
O. 9 at Dartmouth
O.16 at Delaware
O.23 Holy Cross
O.30 Towson
N. 6 Colgate
N.13 at Bucknell
N.20 Lafayette

TOWSON

TOWSON, MD

(5-6)
S. 4 Monmouth
S.11 Lafayette
S.18 at Bucknell
S.25 at Columbia
O. 2 Holy Cross
O. 9 at Lafayette
O.16 at Howard
O.23 Fordham
O.30 at Lehigh
N. 6 Dayton
N.13 at Colgate

PIONEER

BUTLER

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

(4-6)
S. 4 at Albion
S.11 Morehead State
S.18 at St. Francis
S.25 Wesley
O. 2 at Dayton
O. 9 Valparaiso
O.16 at San Diego
O.23 Drake
N. 6 Quincy
N.13 at Lindenwood

DAYTON

DAYTON, OH

(6-4)
S. 4 McKendree College
S.11 at Robert Morris
S.18 Austin Peay
S.25 at Morehead State
O. 2 Butler
O. 9 San Diego
O.16 at Drake
O.23 St. Joseph
O.30 Valparaiso
N. 6 at Towson

DRAKE

DES MOINES, IA

(7-3)
S. 4 at Morningside
S.11 St. Ambrose
S.18 Wis. St. John's Point
S.25 Quincy
O. 2 at Valparaiso
O. 9 St. Mary's
O.16 Dayton
O.23 at Butler
O.30 at San Diego
O.30 at Jacksonville
N. 6 at Jacksonville
N.20 at Western Illinois

SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, CA

(2-8)
S. 4 at Azusa Pacific
S.11 Whittier
S.18 Cal Lutheran
O. 2 Yale
O. 9 at Dayton
O.16 Butler
O.23 at Valparaiso
O.30 Drake
N. 6 at Stony Brook
N.13 Wagner

VALPARAISO

VALPARAISO, IN

(5-6)
S. 4 St. Francis
S.18 Robert Morris
S.25 at Yale
O. 2 Drake
O. 9 at Butler
O.16 at Morehead State
O.23 San Diego
O.30 at Dayton
N. 6 St. Joseph's
N.13 at Aurora
N.20 at Austin Peay

SOUTHERN

APPALACHIAN STATE

BOONE, NC

(10-3)
S. 4 at Auburn
S.11 Eastern Kentucky
S.25 at The Citadel
O. 2 East Tennessee State
O. 9 Furman
O.16 Georgia Southern
O.23 at Wofford
O.30 Chattanooga
N. 6 at VMI
N.13 Western Carolina
N.20 at Liberty

CHATTANOOGA

CHATTANOOGA, TN

(5-6)
S. 2 at Samford
S.11 at Louisville
S.18 Savannah State
S.25 at Georgia Southern
O. 2 Wofford
O.16 at VMI
O.23 Western Carolina
O.30 at Appalachian State
N. 6 The Citadel
N.13 at East Tennessee State
N.20 Furman

THE CITADEL

CHARLESTON, SC

(5-6)
S. 2 at East Tennessee State
S.11 Delaware
S.18 at Western Carolina
S.25 Appalachian State
O. 2 South Carolina State
O.16 Furman
O.23 at Georgia Southern
O.30 Wofford
N. 6 at Chattanooga
N.13 VMI

EAST TENNESSEE ST.

JOHNSON CITY, TN

(4-7)
S. 2 The Citadel
S.11 West Virginia Tech
S.18 at VMI
S.25 Western Carolina
O. 2 Appalachian State
O.16 Liberty
O.23 at Furman
O.30 Georgia Southern
O.30 at Wofford
N.13 Chattanooga
N.20 at Middle Tennessee

FURMAN

GREENVILLE, SC

(5-6)
S. 4 Elon
S.18 at William & Mary
S.25 VMI
O. 2 at Western Carolina
O. 9 Appalachian State
O.16 at The Citadel
O.23 East Tennessee State
O.30 at North Carolina
N. 6 at Georgia Southern
N.13 Wofford
N.20 at Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

STATESBORO, GA

(14-1)
S. 4 Fayetteville State
S.11 at Wofford
S.18 at Oregon State
S.25 Chattanooga
O. 2 at VMI
O. 9 Western Carolina
O.16 at Appalachian State
O.23 The Citadel
O.30 at East Tennessee State
N. 6 Furman
N.13 at Jacksonville State

VMI

LEXINGTON, VA

(1-10)
S. 4 at Richmond
S.11 Concord
S.18 East Tennessee State
S.25 at Furman
O. 2 Georgia Southern
O.23 at Wofford
O. 9 at Jacksonville
O.16 Chattanooga
O.23 William & Mary
O.30 at Western Carolina
N. 6 Appalachian State
N.13 at The Citadel

WESTERN CAROLINA

CULLOWHEE, NC

(6-5)
S. 2 Mars Hill
S.11 at Maryland
S.18 The Citadel
S.25 at East Tennessee St.
O. 2 Furman
O. 9 at Georgia Southern
O.16 Wofford
O.23 at Chattanooga
O.30 VMI
N. 6 Samford
N.13 at Appalachian State

WOFFORD

SPARTANBURG, SC

(4-7)
S.11 Georgia Southern
S.18 at Middle Tennessee
S.25 Charleston Southern
O. 2 at Chattanooga
O. 9 VMI
O.16 at Western Carolina
O.23 Appalachian State
O.30 The Citadel
N. 6 East Tennessee State
N.13 at Furman
N.20 at USL

SOUTHLAND

JACKSONVILLE STATE

JACKSONVILLE, AL

(7-4)
S. 4 Alabama A&M
S.18 Savannah State
S.25 Nicholas State
O. 2 at Samford
O. 9 at Sam Houston
O.16 McNeese State
O.23 Southwest Texas
O.30 at Jacksonville State
N. 6 The Citadel
N.13 East Tennessee State
N.20 at Troy State

MCNEESE STATE

LAKE CHARLES, LA

(8-4)
S.11 Northern Iowa
S.18 Southern Utah
S.25 at James Madison
O. 2 at Maine
O. 9 at Stephen F. Austin
O.16 at Jacksonville State
O.23 Northwestern State
O.30 Sam Houston
N. 6 at Southwest Texas
N.13 Troy State
N.20 at Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE

THIBODAUX, LA

(4-7)
S. 4 at NE Louisiana
S.18 Western Illinois
S.25 at Jacksonville State
O. 2 at Northwestern State
O. 9 Southwest Texas
O.16 at Central Florida
O.23 at Stephen F. Austin
O.30 Troy State
N. 6 at Sam Houston
N.13 Samford
N.20 McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN ST.

NATCHITOCHES, LA

(11-3)
S. 4 at Southern
S.11 at Southern Miss
S.18 Tarleton State
S.25 at NE Louisiana
O. 2 Nicholls State
O. 9 at Troy State
O.23 at McNeese State
O.30 at Jacksonville State
N. 6 Jacksonville State
N.13 at Sam Houston
N.20 Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON

HUNTSVILLE, TX

(3-8)
S. 2 at Delta State
S.11 at Louisiana Tech
S.25 at Texas A&M-Kingsville
O. 2 at Arkansas State
O. 9 Jacksonville State
O.16 Stephen F. Austin
O.23 at Troy State
O.30 at McNeese State
N. 6 Nicholls State
N.13 Northwestern State
N.20 at Southwest Texas

SOUTHWEST TEXAS

SAN MARCOS, TX

(4-7)
S. 2 Midwestern State
S.11 at South Florida
S.25 Northern Arizona
O. 9 at Nicholls State
O.16 Troy State
O.23 at Jacksonville State
O.30 at Northwestern State
N. 6 McNeese State
N.13 at Stephen F. Austin
N.20 Sam Houston

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

NACOGDOCHES, TX

(3-8)
S. 4 Abilene Christian
S.11 at Utah State
O. 2 at New Hampshire
O. 9 McNeese State
O.16 at Sam Houston
O.23 Nicholls State
O.30 Jacksonville State
N. 6 at Troy State
N.13 Southwest Texas
N.20 at Northwestern State

TROY STATE

TROY, AL

(8-4)
S.11 at Cincinnati
S.18 at Alabama State
S.25 South Florida
O. 2 Middle Tennessee
O. 9 Northwestern State
O.16 at Southwest Texas
O.23 Sam Houston
O.30 at Nicholls State
N. 6 Stephen F. Austin
N.13 at McNeese State
N.20 Jacksonville State

SWAC

ALABAMA A&M

HUNTSVILLE, AL

(5-6)
S. 4 at Jacksonville State
S.11 at Grambling
S.18 at Mississippi Valley State
S.25 Tennessee State
O. 2 at Southern
O.16 Tuskegee
O.23 Jackson State
O.30 Alabama State
N.13 at Alcorn State
N.20 Prairie View A&M
@Birmingham, Ala.

ALABAMA STATE

MONTGOMERY, AL

(5-6)
S. 4 at Tennessee State
S.11 Alcorn State
S.18 Troy State
S.25 Southern
O. 2 at Miss Valley State
O. 9 at Jackson State
O.16 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O.30 Alabama A&M
N. 6 Grambling
N.13 Prairie View A&M
N.25 Tuskegee
@Mobile, Ala.
@Birmingham, Ala.

ALCORN STATE

LORMAN, MS

(5-6)
S. 4 Grambling
S.11 Alabama State
S.25 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 2 Morehouse
O. 9 Prairie View A&M
O.16 at Texas Southern
O.23 at Southern
N. 6 Miss Valley State
N.13 Alabama A&M
N.20 at Jackson State
@Chicago, Ill.

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

PINE BLUFF, AR

(8-3)
S. 4 Miss Valley State
S.11 at Southern
S.18 Hampton
S.25 Alcorn State
O. 9 Texas Southern
O.16 Alabama State
O.23 at Grambling
O.30 at Jackson State
N. 6 at Prairie View A&M
N.13 Lane
N.20 at Alabama A&M
@St. Louis, MO.

GRAMBLING

GRAMBLING, LA

(5-6)
S. 4 at Alcorn State
S.11 Alabama A&M
S.18 at Jackson State
S.25 Hampton
O. 2 Prairie View A&M
O. 9 Miss Valley State
O.23 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O.30 Texas Southern
N. 6 at Alabama State
N.13 at Winston-Salem
N.27 Southern
@East Rutherford, N.J.
@Dallas, Texas
@New Orleans, La.

JACKSON STATE

JACKSON, MS

(7-4)
S. 4 Howard
S.11 Tennessee State
S.18 Grambling
S.25 Miss Valley State
O. 9 Alabama State
O.16 Southern
O.23 at Alabama A&M
O.30 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 6 at Texas Southern
N.20 Alcorn State
@Memphis, TN.

MISS VALLEY STATE

ITTA BENA, MS

(1-10)
S. 4 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S.11 Western Illinois
S.18 Alabama A&M
S.25 at Jackson State
O. 2 Alabama State
O. 9 at Grambling
O.16 at Albany State
O.23 Texas Southern
O.30 at Prairie View A&M
N. 6 at Alcorn State

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

PRAIRIE VIEW, TX

(1-10)
S. 4 at Texas Southern
S.11 Howard Payne
S.18 at Southern
S.25 at Alabama A&M
S.25 Grambling
O. 9 Alcorn State
O.23 Panhandle State
O.30 Miss Valley State
N. 6 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N.13 at Alabama State
@Dallas, Texas

SOUTHERN

BATON ROUGE, LA

(8-4)
S. 4 Northwestern State
S.11 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S.18 Prairie View A&M
S.25 Alabama State
O. 2 Hampton
O. 9 Alabama A&M
O.16 Jackson State
O.23 Alcorn State
N. 6 at Florida A&M
N.13 at Texas Southern
N.27 Grambling
@Mobile, Ala.
@Indianapolis, IN
@New Orleans, La.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

HOUSTON, TX

(6-5)
S. 4 Prairie View A&M
S.18 Langston
S.25 at Howard
O. 9 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 9 Alcorn State
O.23 at Miss Valley State
O.30 at Grambling
N. 6 Jackson State
N.13 Southern

IAA INDEPENDENTS

AUSTIN PEAY

CLARKSVILLE, TN

(4-7)
S. 2 Cumberland
S.11 Samford
S.18 at Dayton
S.25 at Campbellsville
O. 2 Jacksonville
O.16 at Charleston Southern
O.23 Kentucky Wesleyan
O.30 at Morehead State
N. 6 at Clinch Valley
N.13 at Davidson
N.20 Valparaiso

CAL-POLY SLO

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

(3-8)
S. 4 at Northern Arizona
S.18 Montana State
S.25 at Hofstra
O. 2 Southern Utah
O. 9 at Northern Iowa
O.16 at Youngstown State
O.23 at UC Davis
O.30 Portland State
N. 6 Montana
N.13 at Saint Mary's (CA)
N.20 Cal St.-Sacramento

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

CHARLESTON, SC

(3-8)
S. 4 at South Carolina State
S.11 Presbyterian
S.18 West Virginia State
S.25 at Wofford
O. 2 Lenoir Rhyne
O. 9 at Newberry
O.16 Austin Peay
O.23 Liberty
O.30 at Elon
N. 6 Tusculum
N.20 at Jacksonville

HOFSTRA

HEMPSTEAD, NY

(8-3)
S. 4 Connecticut
S.11 at Maine
S.18 at Rhode Island
S.25 Cal Poly-SLO
O. 2 at Massachusetts
O.16 Delaware State
O.23 at Elon
N. 6 at Buffalo
N.13 at South Florida
N.20 James Madison

LIBERTY

LYNCHBURG, VA

(5-6)
S. 4 Virginia Union
S.11 at Marshall
S.18 at Tennessee Tech
S.25 Fayetteville State
O. 2 Johnson C. Smith
O. 9 at South Florida
O.16 at East Tennessee State
O.23 at Charleston Southern
O.30 at Samford
N. 6 Elon
N.20 Appalachian State

MOREHEAD STATE

MOREHEAD, KY

(9-2)
S. 2 Davidson
S.11 at Butler
S.25 Dayton
O.16 Valparaiso
O.30 Austin Peay
N. 6 at Kentucky Wesleyan
N.13 at Elon

SAMFORD

BIRMINGHAM, AL

(6-5)
S. 2 Chattanooga
S.11 at Austin Peay
S.18 at Tennessee-Martin
S.25 Eastern Kentucky
O. 2 Jacksonville State
O.16 Elon
O.23 at Murray State
O.30 Liberty
N. 6 at Western Carolina
N.13 at Nicholls State
N.20 Tennessee Tech

SOUTH FLORIDA

TAMPA, FL

(8-3)
S. 4 at San Diego State
S.11 Southwest Texas
S.18 at Western Kentucky
S.25 at Troy State
O. 2 Southern Illinois
O. 9 Liberty
O.16 Illinois State
O.23 New Hampshire
O.30 at James Madison
N. 6 New Haven
N.13 Hofstra

SOUTHERN UTAH

CEDAR CITY, UT

(5-6)
A.28 Western Montana
S. 4 Fort Lewis
S.11 at Boise State
S.18 at McNeese State
S.25 Montana Tech
O. 2 at Cal-Poly SLO
O. 9 UC Davis
O.16 at Weber State
O.23 Idaho State
N. 6 at St. Mary's
N.20 at Eastern Washington

ST. MARY'S

MORAGA, CA

(2-8)
S. 4 at Cal St.-Sacramento
S.11 Humboldt State
S.18 at San Jose State
S.25 at Western Washington
O. 2 at Central Washington
O. 9 at Drake
O.16 UC Davis
O.23 Colgate
O.30 Holy Cross
N. 6 Southern Utah
N.13 Cal-Poly SLO

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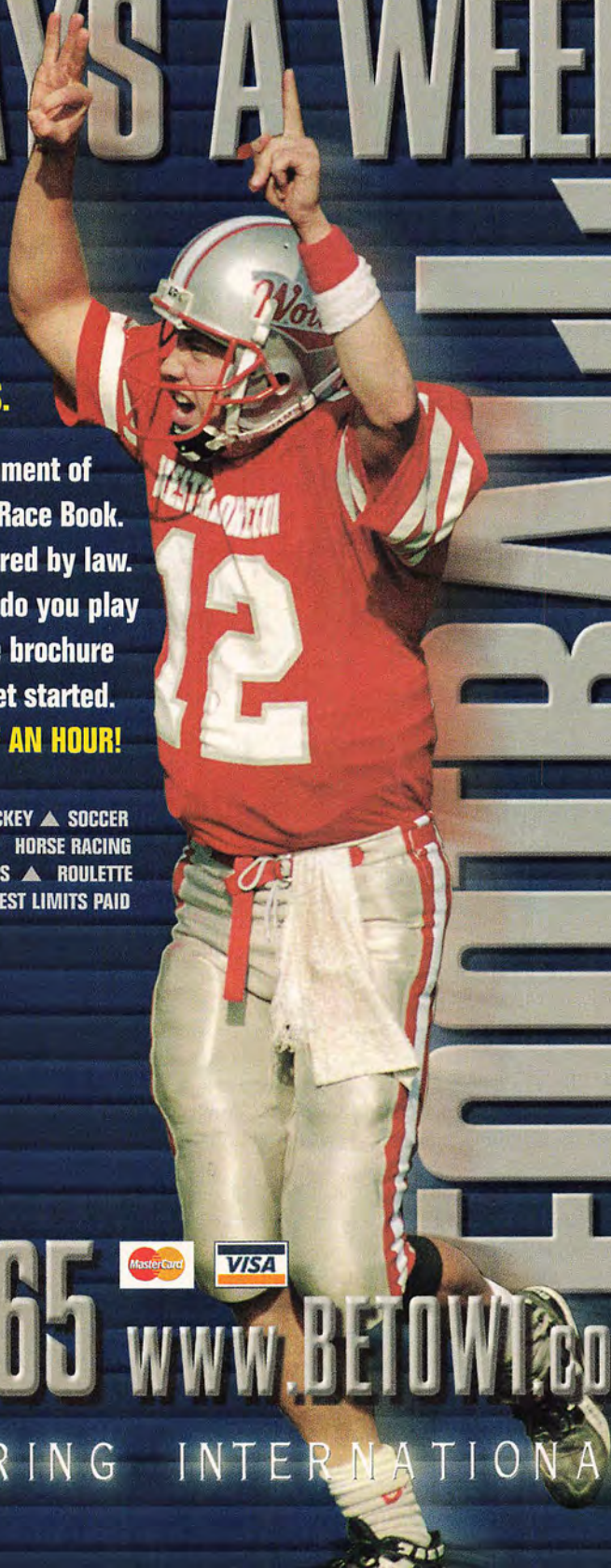


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Minutemen, Eagles Aim For I-AA Title Game Rematch

By Rick Bailey



Marcel Shipp
UMass Tailback

UMass Media Relations

Mark Whipple didn't set a timetable for winning the NCAA Division I-AA national championship when he prepared his first Massachusetts team for the 1998 season.

This was a good thing because the Minutemen lived up to their nickname.

They won the national title then and there, defeating Georgia Southern 55-43 in the championship game, completing a remarkable transition from 2-9 to 8-3, then adding four victories in the I-AA playoffs.

"First, we wanted a winning season," says Whipple, who came to UMass from Brown. "Then, we wanted to win the Atlantic 10 and get a home playoff game."

The Minutemen didn't win the league, but they won a lot more, defeating McNeese State, Lehigh and Northwestern State before upending undefeated Georgia Southern for the old Yankee Conference/now A-10's first national title.

So what about an encore?

"We have some things to motivate us," Whipple says. "We'll try not to lose three games. A major goal is to win our conference, and we lost to our rival (Connecticut) twice. That left a bitter taste."

Atlantic 10

UMass will have a good starting point to repeat with senior quarterback Todd Bankhead and junior tailback Marcel Shipp returning. Shipp, second in I-AA rushing at 177 yards a game, isn't a blazer, Whipple says, "but he's maybe the hardest worker in the program. He has the ability to make people miss."

Bankhead threw for 3,006 yards and 28 touchdowns, and Whipple says, "We want him to improve his decision making. We'd like more touchdowns and less interceptions."

Junior linebacker Kole Ayi (6'0", 217) was Defensive Player of the Game against Georgia Southern and has All-America potential, according to Whipple.

Atlantic 10 challengers figure to be Delaware, Connecticut, William & Mary and Villanova.

Delaware returns junior quarterback Matt Nagy, who was second in I-AA passing efficiency and is among 23 Fightin' Blue Hens who started one or more games. Junior halfbacks Craig Cummings and Derrick Downs return, and sophomore Butter Pressey will seek playing time. Senior tackle James Stull (6'3", 295) and junior center Jeff Fiss (6'2", 285) anchor the offensive line.

"I'll be disappointed if we're not a decent team," coach Tubby Raymond says. "The Atlantic 10 is very competitive."

Connecticut (10-3) has a new coach, Randy Edsall, and is on its way to 1-A. Villanova (6-5) returns junior Brian Westbrook, who was the first I-AA player ever to exceed 1,000 yards receiving and rushing in a season. He had 1,144 receiving yards, 1,046 rushing yards and 25 touchdowns. William & Mary (7-4) must replace quarterback Mike Cook.

Big Sky

Until last season, the Big Sky had at least one team reach the I-AA playoff semifinals or beyond for five straight years. The league hopes to recover from Montana's "one and done" postseason in '98 with another race as wide open as its well-documented and well-deserved offensive reputation.

Montana (8-4) will seek its third title in the last four years without quarterback Brian Ah Yat, who has graduated. Eastern Washington (5-6) has reloaded and signed Fred Salanoa, one of the top junior college quarterbacks in the nation. Tailback Ronney Jenkins, a transfer from Brigham Young, will fire up Northern Arizona's (6-5) running game. Cal State Northridge (7-4), co-runner-up last fall, continues to tap into the California junior college system for top prospects.

And Montana State, the other runner-up, might be in position to claim its first Big Sky title since 1984, when the Fighting Bobcats (7-4) also won the I-AA title. Senior Kasey Harte and sophomore Dusty Broderick are seeking the quarterback vacancy created by the

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departure of 3½-year starter Rob Compson. Coach Cliff Hysell plans to alternate the pair for the first three games, then choose a starter.

Senior center Brent Ludwig (6'5", 295) anchors the offensive line, and senior all-conference wide receiver Chip Hobbs also returns. Senior safety Shon Flores leads seven returning starters on defense.

Montana State, which has put together three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in two decades, missed the Big Sky title with a 28–21 loss to Montana in the regular-season finale.

Gateway

Until last year, Illinois State (8–4) had only one winning record in the Gateway Conference (in '89), only two overall winning seasons ('85 and '93) and no I-AA playoff trips. But the Redbirds were second in the league (matching their highest finish) and reached the postseason.

Coach Todd Berry is hoping for more this fall with 19 starters returning, including junior quarterback Kevin Glenn, who already has broken several school records. Runner-up for Gateway offensive player honors, Glenn passed for 2,818 yards and 25 touchdowns and was ninth in I-AA total offense.

"He's a Charlie Ward-type quarterback with a quick release, strong and accurate arm and explosive style," Berry says of Glenn, the prep Player of the Year in Michigan who was recruited by most schools as a defensive back.

Glenn will be throwing to senior receiver Rickey Garrett, an AP third-team All-American who averaged 105 receiving yards a game.

Junior guard Mike Rodbro (6'4", 297) didn't allow a sack last year and has All-America potential, according to Berry. Junior runner Aveion Cason "has a motor," Berry says. Cason averaged 5.4 yards a carry and is an excellent receiver.

All-Gateway junior linebacker Galen Scott (5'9", 215) led the Redbirds with 175 tackles. Senior end Devon Finn (6'7", 285) "has all the tools," his coach says.

Northern Iowa (7–4) has been missing from the playoffs the last two years, but coach Mike Dunbar expects the Panthers to be competitive. A strong nucleus returns on defense led by senior end Jack Mitchell (6'3", 260) and junior tackle Tim O'Neill (6'0", 280). Junior quarterback Ryan Helming started the last nine games and "makes things happen," Dunbar says. AP third-team All-America center Brad Meester (6'3", 290, senior) also returns.

Youngstown State (6–5) was young and rebuilding after its 1997 national title and figures to challenge again. Senior tailback Adrian Brown returns.

Mid-Eastern

A year ago, Florida A&M (11–2) had to replace Oteman Sampson, its first-team AP All-America quarterback. So who comes along but Patrick Bonner, who passes for 3,473 yards and 37 touchdowns, leads I-AA in total offense (324 yards) and makes first-team AP All-America.

So who will the Rattlers get to replace Bonner, who was a senior? Sophomore Quinn Gray took some snaps last season and has gained the confidence of his receivers. Several other candidates also have applied for the position.

Hampton (9–3) also was a playoff participant and was declared the MEAC champion because of its opening-week win over Florida A&M. The Pirates return 15 starters for coach Joe Taylor.

Senior quarterback Roy Johnson will provide leadership in a back-

Division I-AA Top 20

1. Massachusetts
2. Georgia Southern
3. Illinois State
4. Delaware
5. Hampton
6. Montana State
7. Southern
8. Northwestern (La.) State
9. Murray State
10. Northern Iowa
11. Tennessee State
12. Florida A&M
13. Montana
14. Jackson State
15. Appalachian State
16. Troy State
17. Villanova
18. Colgate
19. Youngstown State
20. Hofstra

field that returns all its starters, including junior Montrell Coley, who gained 1,032 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. Senior tackle Mitchell Foreman (6'4", 300) protects Johnson.

Senior linebacker Deon Hunt (6'2", 235) has led the MEAC in tackles the last two years. "He has great anticipation reading offensive sets," Taylor says. "He has good movement to the football from sideline to sideline."

Junior tackle Michael Bland (6'5", 305) anchors the line, and a young Hampton secondary has gained experience.

Bethune-Cookman (8–3) had its best record ever and went to the Heritage Bowl. That helped Alvin Wyatt Sr. win MEAC Coach of the Year honors.

MEAC Defensive Player of the Year Jermaine Derricott, a senior deep back, returns to South Carolina State.

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Ohio Valley

Tennessee State (9-3) and Murray State (7-4) went down to the final seconds of their last league game before TSU won 46-44 for its first OVC championship. And with both quarterbacks returning, the teams could fight to the finish again.

Tennessee State will be led by senior Leon Murray, who passed for an OVC-record 3,002 yards and 22 touchdowns and was eighth in I-A total offense (277.8 yards). He set a league record with 491 air yards against the Racers.

Murray will be led by senior Justin Fuente, the transfer from Oklahoma who passed for 2,896 yards and 23 touchdowns.

TSU returns All-OVC offensive tackle Bennie Anderson (6'5", 305, senior) and linebacker Lamar Carter (6'3", 215, senior). Murray returns second-team all-conference running back Justin Bivins, a senior, and senior center Jason Williams (6'3", 285).

Replacing quarterbacks will be the primary chore for perennial playoff participant Eastern Kentucky (6-5) and Western Kentucky (7-4), which is returning to the OVC in football only for the first time since 1981.

Juniors Waylon Chapman and Chad Collins will vie for the job at Eastern. Sophomore quarterback Donte Pimpleton appears to be Willie Taggart's heir apparent at Western.

Patriot

The most recent Players of the Year in the Patriot League will be waging a final battle for the honor during their senior campaigns, just as their teams try to return to the playoffs.

Lehigh (12-1), which upset Richmond in reaching the second round, will be led by last year's honoree Phil Stambaugh, who passed for 3,121 yards and 22 touchdowns, and finished 10th in total offense and 11th in passing efficiency.

Colgate (8-4), which made its second straight playoff appearance, is led by Ryan Vena, who threw for 2,298 yards and 16 touchdowns, and was third in total offense and fifth in passing efficiency. He was Player of the Year as a freshman and sophomore.

Getting two teams in the playoffs validates the Patriot's solid brand of football from top to bottom, according to Colgate coach Dick Biddle.

In Vena, the Red Raiders have "as good a quarterback as there is in I-AA football," Biddle says. Vena will call signals behind an experienced line anchored by four-year starters Paul Clasby (6'2", 266) and Kevin Bolis (6'2", 240). The running backs return as does junior Ed Weiss, the Patriot's Rookie of the Year in 1997 who had academic difficulties last season.

Nine defensive starters return including senior tackle Neil Gomez (6'1", 245) and the entire secondary.

Southern

Georgia Southern (14-1) will try to make it back to the I-AA title game with senior Greg Hill at quarterback and sophomore fullback Adrian Peterson, who gained 1,932 yards, scored 26 touchdowns and was an AP first-team All-American.

"Adrian has great balance and breaks a lot of tackles," coach Paul Johnson says. "Greg (19-2 as an Eagles, starter) has great speed and quickness, and he's a good passer." Hill ran for 1,061 yards and passed for 1,193 yards.

The Eagles lost three starters on the offensive line, but AP first-team All-American Mark Williams (6'1", 312, senior) returns at guard.

Two AP All-America first-teamers are back on defense. Vonnellies Allen (6'0", 286, senior) anchors the line at tackle, and sophomore Arkee Thompson is the free safety.

"We've got to replace some offensive linemen and regroup on defense," Johnson says. "Our linebacking corps was depleted, and we'll be young on defense."

Appalachian State (10-3) will try to oust Georgia Southern from the top spot behind the throwing of returning junior quarterback David Reaves and junior QB Daniel Jeremiah's running. Junior tailback Terrence McCall also returns. He gained 1,242 ground yards. Daryl Skinner and Joey Gibson are the leading receivers.

Four standouts return on defense for coach Jerry Moore, including junior safety Corey Hall, sophomore linebacker Remi Awolowo, junior tackle Jamie Lovern (6'4", 270) and senior end Rocky Hunt (6'0", 261).

Most of the rest of the league could challenge the two front-runners. Senior free safety Eric Johnson returns to Western Carolina (6-5) as an AP first-team All-American.

Southland

Northwestern State (11-3) became the first repeat champion in more than a decade, and the Demons will contend for another title.

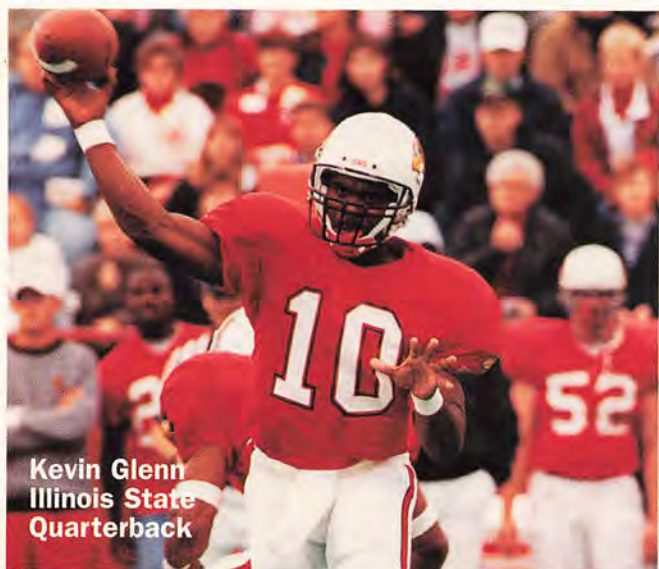
A walk-on quarterback that coach Sam Goodwin thought would never play led Northwestern to the I-AA semifinals. Brad Spangler so impressed his teammates when he took over for an injured Warren Patterson that they voted him Offensive MVP even though he started fewer than half the games.

Now a fifth-year senior, Spangler impressed Goodwin with his accuracy and poise. "He throws a very catchable ball, and he can throw long," Goodwin says. "He's calm, cool and accurate."

Tony Taylor made the All-Southland first-team as a freshman running back, averaging 6.3 yards a carry in limited action. "He has great cutting ability and balance," Goodwin says, citing a play in which Taylor broke six tackles and turned a big loss into a big gain.

The Demons' leading tacklers return — senior linebacker Jake Michel (6'1", 238) and senior free safety Mike Green.

Troy State (8-4) is working its way toward Division I-A in 2002



Kevin Glenn
Illinois State
Quarterback

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and returns some top players, including three seniors who were All-Southland first-team defense last year — lineman Al Lucas (6'3", 280), linebacker Anthony Rabb (5'11", 235) and cornerback Eric Sloan.

McNeese State (9-3) has a new coach, former defensive coordinator Kirby Bruchhaus, and Freshman of the Year, Jessie Burton, who led the league with 1,037 yards and a 115.2-yard average in nine games. Newcomer of the Year Spergon Wynn will be the senior quarterback at Southwest Texas.

Southwestern Athletic

While Southern (9-3) was beating Grambling in the traditional Bayou Classic on the first Saturday of the playoffs, then winning the Heritage Bowl later, the SWAC had no representative in the I-AA playoffs.

The SWAC won't have a team this fall either. The league has been divided into divisions, and a championship game will be played after the regular season, the winner going to the Heritage Bowl.

Jackson State (7-4) will try to advance as far as possible behind three record-setting players. Senior wide receiver Sylvester Morris, the league's Offensive Player of the Year, had 62 receptions for a school-record 1,258 yards and a record 17 touchdowns. Senior teammate Mark Washington was named first team All-SWAC after leading the league in passing efficiency and throwing for 2,232 yards and a team-record 26 touchdowns. Senior Destry Wright led the SWAC in rushing with 1,528 yards, another Jackson State record. Senior Harold Wooten provides leadership as a first-team all-league defensive back.

Southern will be after a SWAC three-peat, but the loss of 23 seniors has coach Pete Richardson facing "a big challenge for us to regroup."

Sophomore Troy Williams is expected to be the quarterback with juniors Ryan Lewis and Dane Lewis at tailback. Stalwarts on defense include end Nate Bell (6'6", 280), linebacker Channing Warner (6'1", 232) and back Bradley Pittman. All are seniors.

Ivy

Brown (7-3) returns All-Ivy quarterback James Perry, a senior. He threw for 3,165 yards and 23 touchdowns and was second in the league in passing efficiency. Junior Stephen Campbell heads the returning receivers. Senior guards Jason Wargin (6'2", 265) and Peter Calabrese (6'0", 265) anchor the line. Senior linebacker Louis Ames (6'2", 215) leads a defense which struggled last year.

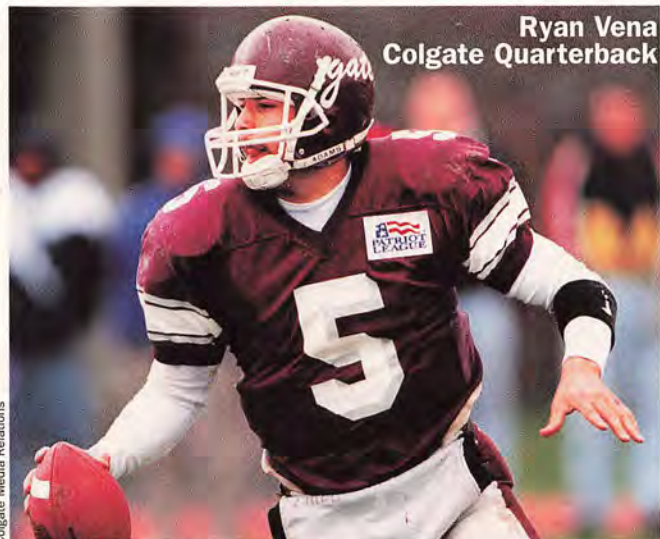
Defending champion Penn (8-2) must replace quarterback Matt Rader. A strong defense carried the Quakers, and nose guard Adrian Puzio (5'11", 255, senior) and linebacker Jim Hisgen (6'2", 230, senior) return.

Senior Joe Walland, the top running quarterback in the league, is back at Yale. All-Ivy first-teamer Rashad Bartholomew returns at running back.

Metro Atlantic

Fairfield (9-2) returns MAAC Player of the Year Jim Lopusznic, a senior, at quarterback, but the Stags are ineligible for the league title because of financial aid policy violations.

Georgetown (9-2) has senior quarterback J.J. Mont throwing to junior Gharun Hester, but the Hoyas lose two all-conference defenders. Junior Tony Zimmerman of Duquesne (8-3) will throw to Gerald Foster and Reggie Harris. Donte Small is available to run the ball.



Northeast

Co-champion Robert Morris (4-6) returns Newcomer of the Year Tim Levick, a sophomore quarterback. He passed for 1,726 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Co-champ Monmouth (5-5) returns its quarterback, senior John DiPasquale, who threw for 2,299 yards and 15 TDs. Senior running back Rick Sarille was hurt last year at Wagner (7-3), so John Campbell ran for 985 yards as a freshman.

Pioneer

Drake (7-3) won its head-to-head battle with Dayton (6-4) to claim its second title in four years. The Bulldogs return senior quarterback Solon Bell, who passed for 1,790 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior running back Peter Sylvester and junior receiver Rob McFadden also return.

Dayton (6-4) will have a new quarterback, but All-Pioneer first-teamer Jimmy Lee returns to the Flyers' backfield. Senior linebacker Chuck Kohstall (6'3", 233) also returns.

San Diego (2-8) will be led by senior quarterback Mike Stadler, who passed for league highs of 2,031 yards and 17 touchdowns. Senior Dylan Ching was his top receiver with 63 catches for 915 yards.

Independents

Hofstra (8-3) returns a bunch of skill position players including senior quarterback Giovanni Carmazzi, who ran for 11 touchdowns, passed for 2,751 yards and 18 more scores, and was sixth in I-AA total offense. Senior running back Vaughn Sanders became the fourth 1,000-yard rusher (1,094) in school history and averaged 7.7 yards a carry.

Junior Steve Jackson had 55 receptions. Junior Chad Johnson shared the division lead with 1.45 field goals a game. Senior linebacker Jimmy Emanuel (6'1", 230) led the Flying Dutchmen with 94 tackles, and senior safety Amad Anderson had 80 stops.

South Florida (8-3) will have a new quarterback with junior Glen Gauntt, sophomore Marquel Blackwell and Georgia transfer Mike Usry, a junior, seeking the job. Junior linebacker Jason Butler (6'1", 245) and senior safety Anthony Henry head a defense that returns all starters.

Top 50 Classes of 1999

1. Texas	11. LSU	21. Syracuse	31. Purdue	41. Stanford
2. Alabama	12. Florida State	22. Arizona	32. Washington	42. Illinois
3. Ohio State	13. Miami	23. Michigan State	33. Kansas State	43. Oregon
4. UCLA	14. USC	24. California	34. Washington State	44. Iowa State
5. Texas A&M	15. Boston College	25. Arkansas	35. Virginia Tech	45. Wisconsin
6. Michigan	16. Clemson	26. Nebraska	36. Stanford	46. Indiana
7. Georgia	17. North Carolina	27. Arizona State	37. South Carolina	47. Maryland
8. Florida	18. Oklahoma State	28. Mississippi State	38. Missouri	48. Southern Miss
9. Tennessee	19. Georgia Tech	29. Penn State	39. Oklahoma	49. Iowa
10. Notre Dame	20. Virginia	30. Auburn	40. Kentucky	50. Pittsburgh

National Top 100 of 1999

Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By	Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By
1. Chris Simms	QB	6-5	210	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Texas	51. Durrell Robinson	WR	6-2	200	Lyman, SC	Georgia
2. T.J. Duckett	LB	6-2	255	Kalamazoo, MI	Michigan State	52. Jason Geathers	RB	6-3	215	Boca Raton, FL	Miami
3. Reggie Brown	WR	6-2	185	Carrollton, GA	Georgia	53. Dante Ellington	OL	6-6	298	Leighton, AL	Alabama
4. Lito Sheppard	DB	5-11	195	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	54. Ty Warren	DL	6-4	277	Bryan, TX	Texas A&M
5. Kyle Boller	QB	6-3	195	Newhall, CA	California	55. Joe Weber	RB	6-1	220	San Bernardino, CA	Texas A&M
6. Dontae Walker	RB	5-10	200	Clinton, MS	Mississippi State	56. Bryce Bishop	OL	6-5	310	Miami, FL	Ohio State
7. Vernon Carey	OL	6-5	330	Miami, FL	Miami	57. Bryan Scott	WR	6-2	205	Buckingham, PA	Penn State
8. Michael Waddell	DB	5-11	170	Ellerbe, NC	North Carolina	58. Rex Grossman	QB	6-2	205	Bloomington, IN	Florida
9. Jerome Sapp	DB	6-0	210	Houston, TX	Notre Dame	59. Kerry Carter	RB	6-0	225	Ontario, Canada	Stanford
10. Anquan Boldin	QB	6-2	205	Pahokee, FL	Florida State	60. Jason Frederick	DB	5-11	198	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
11. Bradie James	LB	6-3	205	West Monroe, LA	LSU	61. Onterio Smith	RB	5-11	190	Sacramento, CA	Tennessee
12. Chris Massey	QB	6-0	185	Spiro, OK	Oklahoma State	62. Shane Lehmann	OL	6-5	285	Corona, CA	UCLA
13. Constantin Ritzman	DL	6-4	245	Tallahassee, FL	Tennessee	63. Bryce Bohlander	OL	6-6	270	Salem, OR	UCLA
14. Nick Maddox	RB	6-0	190	Kannapolis, NC	Florida State	64. Brandon Phillips	DL	6-6	270	Chandler, AZ	Arizona
15. Darrell Rideaux	DB	5-9	175	Long Beach, CA	USC	65. Sean Milligan	OL	6-4	285	Norcross, GA	Notre Dame
16. David Paine	DL	6-7	260	Memphis, TN	Alabama	66. Curtis Crosby	DB	5-11	175	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
17. Darnell Dockett	DL	6-4	260	Burtonsville, MD	Florida State	67. Byron Hardmon	LB	6-2	215	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
18. Paul Arnold	RB	6-1	200	Seattle, WA	Washington	68. Walter Young	DL	6-4	290	Purvis, MS	LSU
19. Gary Brashears	QB	6-5	210	Clarksville, AR	Arkansas	69. Keith Leavitt	OL	6-8	290	Fitchburg, MA	Boston College
20. Cory Redding	LB	6-4	226	Houston, TX	Texas	70. DeMarco McNeil	DL	6-1	300	Prichard, AL	Auburn
21. Albert Haynesworth	DL	6-6	300	Hartsville, SC	Tennessee	71. Greg Barnum	OL	6-1	295	Killeen, TX	Tennessee
22. Bernard Riley	DL	6-3	290	Los Alamitos, CA	USC	72. Charles Roberson	DL	6-3	235	Fairburn, GA	Tennessee
23. Darin Naatjes	TE	6-6	230	Alvord, IA	Stanford	73. Richard McNutt	DB	6-0	175	Park Forest, IL	Ohio State
24. Saleem Rasheed	LB	6-3	220	Birmingham, AL	Alabama	74. Alan Reuber	OL	6-7	275	Plano, TX	Texas A&M
25. Kelton Lindsay	RB	6-1	195	Lebanon, OH	Ohio State	75. Augie Hoffman	OL	6-2	315	Parkridge, NJ	Boston College
26. Cedric Cobbs	RB	6-0	217	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas	76. Jeff Womble	DL	6-3	295	Dunwoody, GA	Florida State
27. Chris Lewis	QB	6-3	205	Long Beach, CA	Stanford	77. Treverance Faulk	LB	6-3	220	Lafayette, LA	LSU
28. Mike Seidman	TE	6-5	246	Westlake, CA	UCLA	78. Matt Lomax	OL	6-4	295	Mobile, AL	Alabama
29. Latrez Harrison	QB	6-3	214	Atlanta, GA	Maryland	79. Brian Mance	DB	6-0	185	Manning, SC	Clemson
30. Kevin Breedlove	OL	6-5	295	Clemson, SC	Georgia	80. Domanick Davis	DB	5-10	180	Breaux Bridge, LA	LSU
31. Alfio Randall	OL	6-4	265	Houston, TX	Texas	81. Thomas Tapeh	RB	6-1	220	St. Paul, MN	Minnesota
32. Kareem Kelly	WR	6-1	185	Long Beach, CA	USC	82. Jerry Owens	WR	6-4	180	Newhall, CA	UCLA
33. Marcus Reese	LB	6-2	216	San Jose, CA	UCLA	83. Tony Pape	OL	6-6	290	Hinsdale, IL	Michigan
34. Demetrius Solomon	OL	6-7	280	Flint, MI	Michigan	84. Joseph Siofele	LB	6-2	235	Waipahu, HI	Arizona
35. Eric Edwards	TE	6-5	250	Monroe, LA	LSU	85. Jeremy LeSueur	DB	6-1	185	Holly Springs, MS	Michigan
36. C.J. Leak	QB	6-4	220	Charlotte, NC	Wake Forest	86. Jeremy Williams	DL	6-5	235	Spokane, WA	Washington State
37. Sammy Davis	DB	6-0	178	Humble, TX	Texas A&M	87. Dave Costlow	L	6-4	255	Lansdale, PA	Penn State
38. Bo Scaife	WR	6-4	220	Denver, CO	Texas	88. Charles Drake	RB	6-1	189	Los Angeles, CA	Michigan
39. Cedric Hilliard	DL	6-3	295	Arlington, TX	Notre Dame	89. Faafetai Tupai	DL	6-4	298	Monterey, CA	Washington State
40. Daniel Davis	RB	5-11	215	Stafford, VA	North Carolina	90. Santonio Beard	RB	6-1	205	Nashville, TN	Alabama
41. Kenny King	DL	6-4	270	Daphne, AL	Alabama	91. Jason Rader	TE	6-5	235	St. Albans, WV	Georgia
42. Julius Jones	RB	5-11	185	Big Stone Gap, VA	Notre Dame	92. Steve Stevenson	WR	6-2	205	Glendora, CA	USC
43. Robert Johnson	TE	6-6	255	Montgomery, AL	Auburn	93. Cole Pittman	DL	6-4	260	Shreveport, LA	Texas
44. Andre Johnson	WR	6-3	200	Miami, FL	Miami	94. Artie Ellis	WR	6-3	194	Houston, TX	Texas
45. Kendyll Pope	LB	6-2	212	Lake City, FL	Florida State	95. Adrian Clarke	OL	6-5	310	Shaker Heights, OH	Ohio State
46. Brent Cummings	RB	5-11	185	Belding, MI	Michigan	96. Clifton Smith	LB	6-1	240	Freeport, NY	Syracuse
47. William Green	RB	6-1	220	Brigantine, NJ	Boston College	97. Kenny Hayter	RB	5-11	200	Houston, TX	Texas
48. Jeff Faine	OL	6-3	310	Saint Mary, FL	Notre Dame	98. Fabian Walker	QB	6-2	205	Americus, GA	Florida State
49. J.P. Losman	QB	6-3	185	Venice, CA	UCLA	99. Michael Gaines	TE	6-3	255	Tallahassee, FL	Alabama
50. Derek Watson	RB	6-1	205	Williamston, SC	South Carolina	100. Bruce Thornton	RB	6-0	180	LaGrange, GA	Georgia

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Recruiting Report

SEC

1. ALABAMA

The Tide needed defensive linemen and they got them. No less than six signees project as stalwarts for the defensive front including Floridians Jarrett Johnson, Garry McNealy and Gerard Clark. Linebacker Saleem Rasheed should help immediately and tailback Brandon Miree is the heir apparent to Shaun Alexander.

2. GEORGIA

The Bulldogs targeted wideouts and got highly coveted Reggie Brown and Durrell Robinson. Running back was also a need and Bruce Thornton has home-run ability. Jason Rader could be coach Jim Donnan's next all-star tight end.

3. FLORIDA

The Gators wanted to replenish their front seven and they did. Defensive linemen Clint Mitchell, Roy Williams, Tron LaFavor and Tony Charles all have a chance to star. Linebackers Matt Farrior, Byron Hardmon and Todd Poirier are impact players. Athlete Lito Sheppard is perhaps the nation's top two-way performer.

4. TENNESSEE

The Vols targeted linemen and had good success. At defensive end, German import Constantin Ritzmann has a high upside. Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth is a 300-pounder with great potential. Offensive linemen Anthony Herrera, Greg Barnum and Scott Wells will star in the future. Onterio Smith is a big play performer.

5. LSU

Tight end Eric Edwards is big and athletic. Linebackers Bradie James and Trev Faulk rejected overtures from numerous national powers. LaBrandon Toefield will help at tailback despite missing his senior season with a knee injury. Defensive linemen Walter Young and Paul Broussard will help ease the loss of Anthony McFarland.

6. ARKANSAS

Razorback fans will love quarterback Gary Brashears and tailback Cedric Cobbs. Wideouts Eddie Williams, Sparky Hamilton and Richard Smith could help Anthony Lucas quickly.

7. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Jackie Sherrill signed his most impressive class at State. Running back Dontae Walker could start as a freshman. Quarterback Kevin Fant will have many productive years in Starkville. Willie Blade and Dorsett Davis are 300-pound J.C. signees who project to start.

8. AUBURN

The Tigers signed a terrific quarterback in Allen Tillman. In-state running backs Casinious Moore and Michael Owens could help quickly. Athlete Roshard Gilyard projects as a head-hunting safety and defensive lineman DeMarco McNeil was underrated by many.

9. SOUTH CAROLINA

Lou Holtz will love star tailback Derek Watson and 255-pound fullback Andrew Pinnock in his backfield. Juco defensive lineman Cleveland Pinkney was coveted by many other traditional powers.

10. KENTUCKY

Wildcat fans will love the quarterback/tight end duo of Jared Lorenzen and Derek Smith who prepped together. Several 300-pounders led by Kip Sixberry should help on the offensive front.

11. OLE MISS

New coach David Cutcliff tutored Peyton Manning while at Tennessee and he now has Eli Manning to mold. Cutcliff also recruited the Volunteer State thoroughly signing linebacker Jamil Northcutt, receiver Wes Scott and running back Tremaine Turner.

12. VANDERBILT

Quarterback Benji Walker is the best signal-caller the Dores have signed in over a decade. Justin Giboney is a solid defensive back. Navy transfer Duncan Cave could start immediately at center.

SEC TOP 25 FRESHMEN

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1. Reggie Brown	WR	6-2	185	Carrollton, GA	Georgia
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3. Dontae Walker	RB	5-10	200	Clinton, MS	Miss. State
4. Bradie James	LB	6-3	205	West Monroe, LA	LSU
5. Constantin Ritzman	DL	6-4	245	Tallahassee, FL	Tennessee
6. David Paine	DL	6-7	260	Memphis, TN	Alabama
7. Gary Brashears	QB	6-5	210	Clarksville, AR	Arkansas
8. Albert Haynesworth	DL	6-6	300	Hartsville, SC	Tennessee
9. Saleem Rasheed	LB	6-3	220	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
10. Cedric Cobbs	RB	6-0	217	Little Rock, AR	Arkansas
11. Kevin Breedlove	OL	6-5	295	Clemson, SC	Georgia
12. Eric Edwards	TE	6-5	250	Monroe, LA	LSU
13. Kenny King	DL	6-4	270	Daphne, AL	Alabama
14. Robert Johnson	TE	6-6	255	Montgomery, AL	Auburn
15. Derek Watson	RB	6-1	205	Williamston, SC	So. Carolina
16. Durrell Robinson	WR	6-2	200	Lyman, SC	Georgia
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18. Rex Grossman	QB	6-2	205	Bloomington, IN	Florida
19. Onterio Smith	RB	5-11	190	Sacramento, CA	Tennessee
20. Byron Hardmon	LB	6-2	215	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
21. Walter Young	DL	6-4	290	Purvis, MS	LSU
22. DeMarco McNeil	DL	6-1	300	Prichard, AL	Auburn
23. Greg Barnum	OL	6-1	295	Killeen, TX	Tennessee
24. Charles Roberson	DL	6-3	235	Fairburn, GA	Tennessee
25. Treverance Faulk	LB	6-3	220	Lafayette, LA	LSU

ACC

1. FLORIDA STATE

The Noles did not have many scholarships to give, but the quality of the individual recruits matches up with any team in America. Running back Nick Maddox is an awesome talent as is athlete Anquan Boldin. Darnell Dockett and Alonzo Jackson are premier defensive linemen.

2. CLEMSON

Tommy Bowden had an excellent talent haul. Quarterback Willie Simmons is good enough to start immediately. Brian Mance, a rare cover corner, ignored several national powers to sign with the Tigers. Lightning-fast backers Rodney Feaster and Rodney Thomas are impact players. Running back Chad Jasmine was the top back in Louisiana.

3. NORTH CAROLINA

The Tar Heels needed a feature running back and they signed one of the best in Daniel Davis. Defensive back Michael Waddell was America's most coveted cover corner. Wide receiver Jamal Jones should help quickly as he has size and speed.

4. GEORGIA TECH

Another well-rounded class for the Yellow Jackets. Running backs Sidney Ford, Jermaine Hatch and William Glover can carry the freight. Recruiting at linebacker was very productive, as well, with Ricardo Wimbush, Gary Johnson and Ather Brown leading the way.

Recruiting Report

5. VIRGINIA

Quarterback was a target and signing Matt Shaub and Bryson Spinner will help the cause. Linemen Colin McWeeny and Micah Kimball can play as can linebacker R.C. Cosby.

6. NC STATE

Start with Jatavis Sanders, who is the perfect quarterback for the Wolfpack system. Defensive backs Marcus Ellerbe and J.J. Washington were highly sought-after.

7. MARYLAND

Signing Latrez Harrison was huge for the Terrapins. He might be the country's best run/pass quarterback. Watch out for linebacker Bernie Fiddler.

8. WAKE FOREST

Wake only signed ten players, but quarterback C.J. Leak was one of them. Leak broke Notre Dame's heart.

9. DUKE

New coach Carl Franks signed a few blue chippers such as tight ends Benjamin Watson and Nick Brzezinski.

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1. Michael Waddell	DB	5-11	170	Ellerbe, NC	North Carolina
2. Anquan Boldin	QB	6-2	205	Pahokee, FL	Florida State
3. Nick Maddox	RB	6-0	190	Kannapolis, NC	Florida State
4. Darnell Dockett	DL	6-4	260	Burtonville, MD	Florida State
5. Latrez Harrison	QB	6-3	214	Atlanta, GA	Maryland
6. C.J. Leak	QB	6-4	220	Charlotte, NC	Wake Forest
7. Daniel Davis	RB	5-11	215	Stafford, VA	North Carolina
8. Kendyll Pope	LB	6-2	212	Lake City, FL	Florida State
9. Jeff Womble	DL	6-3	295	Dunwoody, GA	Florida State
10. Brian Mance	DB	6-0	185	Manning, SC	Clemson
11. Fabian Walker	QB	6-2	205	Americus, GA	Florida State
12. Willie Simmons	QB	6-1	185	Quincy, FL	Clemson
13. Art Thomas	RB	6-3	180	Mechanicsburg, PA	Virginia
14. Matt Schaub	QB	6-6	222	West Chester, PA	Virginia
15. Alonzo Jackson	DL	6-4	245	Americus, GA	Florida State
16. Bernie Fiddler	LB	6-1	215	Swedesboro, NJ	Maryland
17. Anthony Lawston	WR	6-4	215	Baltimore, MD	Georgia Tech
18. Recadro Wimbush	LB	6-2	215	Blakely, GA	Georgia Tech
19. William Glover	RB	5-10	185	Tampa, FL	Georgia Tech
20. Marcus Ellerbe	DB	5-9	175	Rockingham, NC	NC State
21. Jatavis Sanders	QB	6-1	171	Stone Mountain, GA	NC State
22. Drew Stronjny	OL	6-7	275	Wrentham, MA	Duke
23. Jamal Jones	WR	6-0	195	Washington, DC	North Carolina
24. Nick Brzezinski	TE	6-4	245	Livonia, MI	Duke
25. Rodney Thomas	LB	6-2	220	Dublin, GA	Clemson

BIG EAST

1. MIAMI

The Canes signed their best class in years. Start with hulking offensive linemen Vernon Carey and Bryant McKinnie. Their job will be to protect quarterback Ken Dorsey who was among the best signal-callers on the West Coast. Maurice Sikes projects as a top cover corner. Miami also signed talented athlete Jarett Payton, son of Hall of Famer Walter Payton.

2. BOSTON COLLEGE

The star of this class is running back William Green. He can be an All-American. Paving the way for Green in the future will be Leo Bell, Augie Hoffman, Keith Leavitt and Jim Connor on the offensive line.

3. SYRACUSE

Start with linebackers Clifton Smith, Rich Scanlon and Len Cusumano who hit with a vengeance. Quarterback Robin Anderson is better than advertised. Defensive back Mike Postell is a keeper. Lineman Chris Buda was a nice catch.

4. VIRGINIA TECH

The Hokies landed perhaps the finest receiver on the East Coast in Andrae Harrison. Tight ends Keith Willis and Ernest Wilford are rangy and athletic, and will work well in Tech's power offense. Coach Frank Beamer may be the most underrated recruiter in the country.

5. PITTSBURGH

Quarterback/athlete Rod Rutherford is the star of the class. It will be interesting to see if coach Walt Harris will play him at quarterback or move him to defense. Defensive backs William Ferguson and Robb Butler can contribute quickly.

6. RUTGERS

The Scarlet Knights signed several receivers with Ryshaun Conover leading the pack. He has special ability. Linebackers Raheem Orr and Shane Smith were highly sought-after recruits and will be big hitters.

7. WEST VIRGINIA

The Mountaineers need linemen and they signed nine. Defensive lineman John Paricka, a juco transfer, and Cortez McNeil should play quickly. Quincy Wilson could be Coach Don Nehlen's next star running back.

8. TEMPLE

The Owls signed the full compliment of 25 players. Juco transfer Dante Coles should start from day one in the secondary. Temple also signed defensive lineman Dan Klecko whose father, Joe, starred for the New York Jets as well as the Owls.

BIG EAST TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. Vernon Carey	OL	6-5	330	Miami, FL	Miami
2. Andre Johnson	WR	6-3	200	Miami, FL	Miami
3. William Green	RB	6-1	220	Brigantine, NJ	Boston College
4. Jason Geathers	RB	6-3	215	Boca Raton, FL	Miami
5. Keith Leavitt	OL	6-8	290	Fitchburg, MA	Boston College
6. Augie Hoffman	OL	6-2	315	Parkridge, NJ	Boston College
7. Clifton Smith	LB	6-1	240	Freeport, NY	Syracuse
8. Tom Martin	DL	6-5	250	Farmingdale, NJ	Boston College
9. Mike Postell	DB	5-10	180	Aberdeen, NJ	Syracuse
10. Keith Willis	TE	6-5	220	Norfolk, VA	Virginia Tech
11. Chris Buda	OL	6-3	310	Tallahassee, FL	Syracuse
12. Andrae Harrison	WR	6-3	200	Newport News, VA	Virginia Tech
13. Rod Rutherford	QB	6-3	195	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
14. Maurice Sikes	DB	5-11	180	Miami, FL	Miami
15. William Ferguson	DB	5-10	175	North Braddock, PA	Pittsburgh
16. Robb Butler	DB	6-0	185	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh
17. Raheem Orr	LB	6-4	225	Elizabeth, NJ	Rutgers
18. Ryshaun Conover	WR	6-3	195	Lakewood, NJ	Rutgers
19. Quincy Wilson	RB	5-10	200	Weirton, WV	West Virginia
20. Jarett Payton	ATH	6-2	205	Arlington, IL	Miami
21. Ken Dorsey	QB	6-4	185	Orinda, CA	Miami
22. Dan Klecko	DL	6-1	265	Colts Neck, NJ	Temple
23. Shane Smith	LB	6-3	225	Teaneck, NJ	Rutgers
24. Robin Anderson	QB	6-1	215	Plainsville, CT	Syracuse
25. Ernest Wilford	TE	6-5	200	Richmond, VA	Virginia Tech

Recruiting Report

BIG 10

1. OHIO STATE

John Cooper signed another outstanding class. Top notch running back acquisitions include Jesse Kline, Kelton Lindsay and Richard Hall. The Buckeyes' secondary signees are second to none as Richard McNutt, Curtis Crosby and Michael Doss are all prime-timers.

2. MICHIGAN

In Ann Arbor they like large, hulking offensive lineman. With this in mind, Tony Pape and Demetrius Solomon will not disappoint. The Wolverines went down south and Louisiana provided them with defensive back Greg Brooks and receiver Ronald Bellamy. Jeremy LeSueur, from Mississippi, is another quality defensive back.

3. MICHIGAN STATE

Looks like the Spartans are set for many years on the offensive line as DeMarco Monroe, Brian Ortney, Joe Patrick, Tupe Peko and Steve Stewart all have the size and attitude. Many considered linebacker T.J. Duckett as the best defensive prospect in America.

4. PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions signed only ten players. Receivers Bryant Johnson and Yaacov Yisrael are top caliber recruits. Expect running back Horace Dodd to provide immediate depth. Defensive backs Bryan Scott and Deryck Toles will play safety.

5. PURDUE

Juco receiver Larry Shyne heads this fine class and Drew Brees will continue to stretch defenses. On defense, linebackers Tim Olmstead, Melvin Scurry, Landon Johnson and Daniel Giles all can contribute.

6. ILLINOIS

Look for linebacker Phil Macklin to be a difference maker. He has terrific skills. In the trenches, both Sean Bubin and Aaron Hodges project as contributors. Brandon Lloyd will help the cause as well.

7. WISCONSIN

The Badgers like big running backs and Isaac Booker will not disappoint. He is a 255-pounder and projects as a fullback. Cover corners are always a "tough find" but B.J. Tucker fits the mold. Keep an eye on quarterback prospect Scott Willie.

8. INDIANA

Jucos will provide an impact for the Hoosiers. Defensive lineman James Atkins, offensive lineman James Evans and receiver Jerry Dorsey are just three of six J.C. recruits who can play. Massive 295-pound fullback Jeremi Johnson is a load.

9. IOWA

Expect defensive end Kory Borchers to contribute quickly. Fullback Erik Jensen can turn some heads as can quarterback John Beutjer. Running back Aaron Greiving also will play baseball for the Hawkeyes.

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10. MINNESOTA

Gopher fans will love running back Thomas Tapeh. He is raw, but has tremendous potential. Offensive linemen Matt McIntosh and Anthony Dabruzzi are both 6'8" and project as tackles.

11. NORTHWESTERN

Regis Eller, the son of former Vikings star Carl Eller, can be a superb linebacker. Running back Chris Brown can be an impact player.

BIG 10 TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. T.J. Duckett	LB	6-2	255	Kalamazoo, MI	Mich. State
2. Kelton Lindsay	RB	6-1	195	Lebanon, OH	Ohio State
3. Demetrius Solomon	OL	6-7	280	Flint, MI	Michigan
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11. Jeremy LeSueur	DB	6-1	185	Holly Springs, MS	Michigan
12. Dave Costlow	L	6-4	255	Landsdale, PA	Penn State
13. Charles Drake	RB	6-1	189	Los Angeles, CA	Michigan
14. Adrien Clarke	OL	6-5	310	Shaker Heights, OH	Ohio State
15. Brian Ottney	OL	6-6	285	Troy, MI	Mich. State
16. DeMarco Monroe	OL	6-4	300	Evansville, IN	Mich. State
17. Chris Brown	RB	6-3	205	Naperville, IL	Northwestern
18. Tyrece Butler	WR	6-4	195	Indianapolis	Michigan
19. Bryant Johnson	WR	6-3	205	Baltimore, MD	Penn State
20. Tim Olmstead	LB	6-3	245	Orland Hills, IL	Purdue
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22. John Beutjer	QB	6-5	185	Wheaton, IL	Iowa
23. Robert Brown	LB	6-2	215	Fort Wayne, IN	Indiana
24. Phil Archer	LB	6-2	240	Dorham, MN	Minnesota
25. Aaron Hodges	OL	6-5	270	Country Club Hills, IL	Illinois

BIG 12

1. TEXAS

Awesome! Start with signal-caller Chris Simms and linebacker Cory Redding, both considered to be the best in America on offense and defense. Linemen Derrick Dockery and Alfio Randall are terrific. The Longhorns dipped into Louisiana to get defensive lineman Cole Pittman and ventured to Colorado for receiver Bo Scaife.

2. TEXAS A&M

Defensive tackle Ty Warren may be the best at his position in the country. The Aggies raided Louisiana to sign defensive end Brian West and linebacker Jason LeDoux. Running back Joe Weber is big time.

3. OKLAHOMA STATE

Star quarterback/athlete Chris Massey kept everybody waiting, but eventually settled on the Cowboys. OSU inked eight jucos including stud defensive end Juqua Thomas who will start immediately.

4. NEBRASKA

Not a highly touted class, but solid nonetheless. Dan Waldrop is a highly regarded hulking lineman. Robin Miller looks like a future star at running back. Juco receiver Larry Henderson should help quickly.

5. KANSAS STATE

Rashad Washington and running back Rashad Jackson are superior talents. Texas signal-caller Eli Roberson is the Wildcats' next Michael Bishop. Juco Cliff Holloman is a stud defensive end.

6. MISSOURI

The Tigers' in-state recruiting haul was outstanding. Lineman Rob Droege, defensive back Terrence Curry and linebacker Sean Doyle are extremely talented. Georgia product Darius Outlaw is a top notch quarterback.

7. OKLAHOMA

Quarterback Jason White and tight end Josh Tucker are coups for new coach Bob Stoops. Jamar Mozee is a stud running back who should play early. Look for big things out of receiver Jarvis Smith.

8. IOWA STATE

Juco quarterback Derrick Walker will be an immediate help. Running back Michael Wagner, from California, is a star quality player. Cyclone fans will also like defensive end Casey Shelton.

9. TEXAS TECH

The Red Raiders have been producing high-caliber running backs and talented Shaun Williams fits the mold. Linemen Lamont Anderson and Rex Richards are excellent in the trenches.

10. KANSAS

The Jayhawks signed Reggie Duncan who is a top-caliber running back. Texas A&M and Kansas fought for the Texas recruit until signing day. Juco quarterback Dylon Smith was also a huge pick-up.

11. BAYLOR

New coach Kevin Steele got a late start because of his duties with the Carolina Panthers, but he still picked up a few keepers. Big time fullback Keith Belton and linebacker Anthony Simmons followed Steele from Carolina. Defensive back Eric Giddens can help.

12. COLORADO

New coach Gary Barnett picked up some help, despite controversy surrounding the previous coaching staff in Boulder. Karl Allis, from Arkansas, is a capable offensive lineman. Barnett will bring more capable help in the future.

BIG 12 TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. Chris Simms	QB	6-5	210	Franklin Lakes, NJ	Texas
2. Chris Massey	QB	6-0	185	Spiro, OK	Okl. State
3. Cory Redding	LB	6-4	226	Houston, TX	Texas
4. Alfio Randall	OL	6-4	265	Houston, TX	Texas
5. Sammy Davis	DB	6-0	178	Humble, TX	Texas A&M
6. Bo Scaife	WR	6-4	220	Denver, CO	Texas
7. Ty Warren	DL	6-4	277	Bryan, TX	Texas A&M
8. Joe Weber	RB	6-1	220	San Bernardino, CA	Texas A&M
9. Jason Frederick	DB	5-11	198	Houston, TX	Texas A&M
10. Alan Reuber	OL	6-7	275	Plano, TX	Texas A&M
11. Cole Pittman	DL	6-4	260	Shreveport, LA	Texas
12. Artie Ellis	WR	6-3	194	Houston, TX	Texas
13. Kenny Hayter	RB	5-11	200	Houston, TX	Texas
14. Rashad Washington	ATH	6-4	210	Wichita, KS	Kansas State
15. Jon Hawk	DL	6-6	285	Aurora, CO	Oklahoma
16. Casey Shelton	DL	6-7	260	W. Des Moines, IA	Iowa State
17. Reggie Duncan	RB	5-9	205	Killeen, TX	Kansas
18. Eli Roberson	QB	6-1	190	Baytown, TX	Kansas State
19. Rob Droege	OL	6-6	260	St. Louis, MO	Missouri
20. Jason White	QB	6-3	215	Tuttle, OK	Oklahoma
21. Jamar Mozee	RB	5-11	215	Blue Springs, MO	Oklahoma
22. Sean Doyle	LB	6-0	220	Overland Park, MO	Missouri
23. Robin Miller	RB	5-11	220	Kent, WA	Nebraska
24. Shaud Williams	RB	5-8	175	Andrews, TX	Texas Tech
25. Ryon Bingham	DL	6-3	270	Sandy, UT	Nebraska

Recruiting Report

C-USA

1. SOUTHERN MISS

The Golden Eagles struck gold with running back Ivory Brown who has great potential. Watch out for quarterback Bobby Garner and juco offensive lineman Billy Clay. Linebacker Joe Henley was a good steal out from under the Gators.

2. LOUISVILLE

The Cardinals can expect great quarterback play once Chris Redman departs with the signing of Gerry Ahrens. Ahrens has a live arm and can light up the sky. Receiver Tavaris Spillman is a top notch recruit as is juco defensive back Mike White. Curry Burns is an excellent athlete for the Cardinals' secondary.

3. TULANE

New coach Chris Scelfo will enjoy defensive end signees Darryl Blappert, Marlon Tickle and Floyd Dorsey. Running back Jeff Sanchez should help quickly.

4. HOUSTON

Coach Kim Helton signed nearly a dozen juco players, including defensive backs William Pettis and Hamin Milligan. Tight end Stephen Cucci is probably two years away, but could develop into a prime time performer.

5. CINCINNATI

Coach Rick Minter concentrated heavily on defense and picked up a few notables. Linebacker Aaron Guzman is a juco transfer who projects as a starter. Mario Monds has terrific talent provided he keeps his weight in check. Luiz Gonzalez is the Bearcats' quarterback of the future.

6. EAST CAROLINA

Damane Duckett is a hulking defensive lineman who coach Steve Logan might have to start as a freshman. Virgil Neal has good size and projects as a defensive tackle.

7. MEMPHIS

Coach Rip Scherer has to be pleased with the signing of Stanley Jackson who could develop into an all league defensive end. Two recruits from Georgia, DeMarquis Terry and B.J. Edwards, should help in the secondary.

8. UAB

Watson Brown inked nine juco stars, the most prominent being Kevin Grace, a lineman from Mississippi. Running back Golinsky Smith should help.

9. ARMY

Signings not released.

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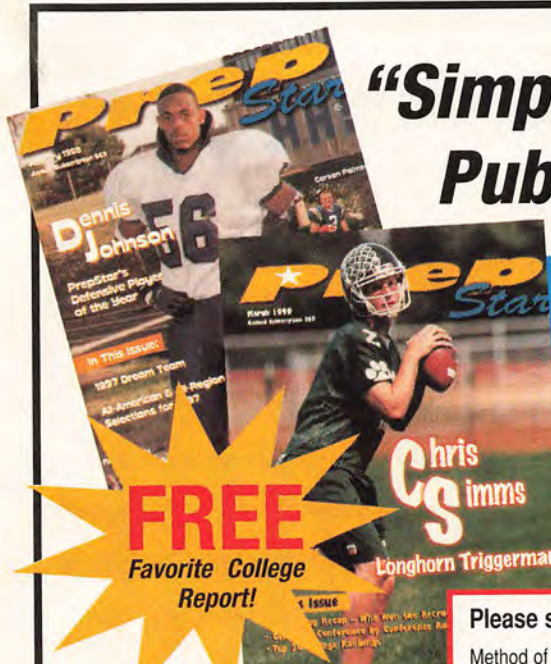
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CONFERENCE USA TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. DeMarquis Terry	RB	5-10	190	Manchester, GA	Memphis
2. Jeff Sanchez	RB	5-11	175	Meraux, LA	Tulane
3. Tavaris Spillman	WR	6-1	175	Dania, FL	Louisville
4. Anthony Floyd	ATH	5-11	175	Youngstown, OH	Louisville
5. Kelvin Banks	OL	6-2	326	Houston, TX	Houston
6. Damane Duckett	DL	6-6	260	Clemmons, NC	East Carolina
7. Ivory Brown	RB	6-1	240	Bastrop, LA	Southern Miss
8. Darryl Blappert	DL	6-7	255	Slidell, LA	Tulane
9. Gerry Ahrens	QB	6-3	170	Louisville, KY	Louisville
10. B.J. Edwards	RB	5-8	160	Stone Mtn., GA	Memphis
11. Steve Cucci	TE	6-4	216	Bradenton, FL	Houston
12. Luis Gonzalez	QB	6-2	190	Coral Park, FL	Cincinnati
13. Curry Burns	DB	6-1	180	Miami, FL	Louisville
14. Buddy Smith	OL	6-4	285	Louisburg, NC	East Carolina
15. Virgil Neal	DL	6-2	280	Greensboro, NC	East Carolina
16. Justin Barbera	LB	6-0	230	Delran NJ	East Carolina
17. Stanley Jackson	DL	6-6	235	Memphis, TN	Memphis
18. Bobby Garner	QB	6-3	200	Gulfport, MS	Southern Miss
19. Brent Brothers	QB	6-2	215	Angleton, TX	Tulane
20. James Dunn	WR	5-9	165	Santa Monica, CA	Tulane
21. Joshua Ballard	OL	6-4	285	Corsicana, TX	Houston
22. Cedric McAfee	DL	6-3	295	Philadelphia, MS	Memphis
23. Josh Shneyderov	OL	6-2	250	Indianapolis, IN	Cincinnati
24. Joe Henley	LB	6-1	215	Gainesville, FL	Southern Miss
25. Kevin Taulton	LB	5-10	233	Houston, TX	Houston

PAC-10

1. UCLA

The Bruins signed a very well-rounded class. Quarterback J.P. Losman is a solid signal-caller and much underrated. Tight end Mike Seidman is a future star as well. Ricky Manning and DaShaun McCullough are rangy defensive backs. Marcus Reese was the top linebacker in California. Shane Lehmann and Bryce Bohlander will solidify the offensive line for years to come.

2. USC

The Trojans had tremendous success at signing receivers. Kareem Kelly may be the best of the bunch, but Steve Stevenson, Marcell Allmond and juco transfer Craig Mitchell are not far behind. Many consider defensive tackle Bernard Riley to be the best at his position in the nation. A few freshmen defensive backs will have to step in and play immediately this fall. Darrell Rideaux is the most likely to draw an early starting assignment.

3. ARIZONA

As expected, the Wildcats recruited well on defense. Defensive end Cory Kipp and defensive tackle Brandon Phillips have star quality. Linebackers Lance Briggs and Joseph Siofele pack a punch. The four combine to give the Wildcats toughness on defense.

4. CALIFORNIA

The Golden Bears are still celebrating the signing of super quarterback Kyle Boller, who could turn out to be a top draft pick some day. Defensive backs Nnamdi Asomugha and Atari Callen are big time.

5. ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils signed five massive offensive linemen led by Nick Johnson. Linebacker Solomon Bates is a terror as is defensive tackle Tony Aguilar. Sensational juco running back Delvon Flowers will play immediately.

6. WASHINGTON

New coach Rick Neuheisel's class is led by all-everything running back Paul Arnold who could start as a freshman. Placekicker John Anderson, from Florida, is a big catch as well.

7. WASHINGTON STATE

At quarterback, the Cougars signed Matt Kegel, the cousin of Ryan Leaf. Jeremy Williams spends most of his time in opponents' backfields. Jucos Marcus Williams and Milton Wynn will help at receiver.

8. STANFORD

Stanford recruits from coast to coast and this year's class is no different. Outstanding athlete Luke Powell is from Smyrna, Tenn. Tight end Darin Naatjes hales from Alvord, Iowa and running back Kerry Carter is from Toronto, Ont.

9. OREGON

The Ducks are assured of looking good on offense in the future with tight end George Wrightster, receivers Samie Parker and Keenan Howry. Watch out for fullback Matt Floberg.

10. OREGON STATE

New coach Dennis Erickson added 14 juco signees to the Beavers roster. Watch out for quarterback Shane House.

PAC 10 TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. Kyle Boller	QB	6-3	195	Newhall, CA	California
2. Paul Arnold	RB	6-1	200	Seattle, WA	Washington
3. Bernard Riley	DL	6-3	290	Los Alamitos, CA	USC
4. Darin Naatjes	TE	6-6	230	Alvord, IA	Stanford
5. Chris Lewis	QB	6-3	205	Long Beach, CA	Stanford
6. Mike Seidman	TE	6-5	246	Westlake, CA	UCLA
7. Darrell Rideaux	DB	5-9	175	Long Beach, CA	USC
8. Kareem Kelly	WR	6-1	185	Long Beach, CA	USC
9. Marcus Reese	LB	6-2	216	San Jose, CA	UCLA
10. J.P. Losman	QB	6-3	185	Venice, CA	UCLA
11. Kerry Carter	RB	6-0	225	Toronto, ON	Stanford
12. Shane Lehmann	OL	6-5	285	Corona, CA	UCLA
13. Bryce Bohlander	OL	6-6	270	Salem, OR	UCLA
14. Brandon Phillips	DL	6-6	270	Chandler, AZ	Arizona
15. Jerry Owens	WR	6-4	180	Newhall, CA	UCLA
16. Joseph Siofele	LB	6-2	235	Waipahu, HI	Arizona
17. Jeremy Williams	DL	6-5	235	Spokane, WA	Wash. State
18. Faafetai Tupai	DL	6-4	298	Monterey, CA	Wash. State
19. Steve Stevenson	WR	6-2	205	Glendora, CA	USC
20. Ricky Manning	DB	5-9	170	Fresno, CA	UCLA
21. Matt Kegel	QB	6-5	205	Havre, MT	Wash. State
22. Atari Callen	DB	5-10	190	Pittsburg, CA	California
23. Tony Aguilar	DL	6-4	300	Superior, AZ	Arizona State
24. Solomon Bates	LB	6-3	240	Moreno Valley, CA	Arizona State
25. Nnamdi Asomugha	DB	6-2	195	Harbor City, CA	California

WAC

1. TCU

Signing the Brazier brothers, Jerrod and Jerome, was big. Both should be outstanding defensive backs. Casey Printers should be the next Horned Frog quarterback.

2. SMU

Thornton Chandler, Jr., from Jacksonville, Fla., projects as an defensive lineman. His father played college football at Alabama and professionally for Dallas. Warrie Birdwell is a defensive tackle who can contribute early as can offensive lineman Sterling Harris.

Recruiting Report

3. RICE

Coach Ken Hatfield likes to feature the tailback in his offense and Donnie Pinkerton can get the job done. Jeremy Hurd is a great athlete.

4. TULSA

Signing a high caliber quarterback like Josh Blankenship is a plus. Expect defensive end Jason Collier to play quickly.

5. FRESNO STATE

Receiver Marque Davis will help stretch defenses in coach Pat Hill's offense. Offensive lineman Mike Painchaud has the ability to get early playing time.

6. SAN JOSE STATE

The Spartans signed two juco running backs who should make an impact in Stanley Joyner and Darian Morton. Coach Dave Baldwin signed fifteen juco prospects.

7. UTEP

The Miners will like linebacker Jared White and defensive back Derrick Walker among others.

8. HAWAII

Look out for linebackers Kevin Jackson and Anipati Mailo. June Jones did a good job of combining juco and high school signees.

WESTERN ATHLETIC TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. Robert Pollard	LB	6-3	230	Beaumont, TX	TCU
2. Mike Painchaud	OL	6-5	290	Norco, CA	Fresno State
3. Thornton Chandler	DL	6-3	240	Jacksonville, FL	SMU
4. Marque Davis	DB	5-11	180	Dos Palos, CA	Fresno State
5. Tommicus Walker	RB	5-11	185	Arlington, TX	TCU
6. Warrie Birdwell	DL	6-4	265	Mission, TX	SMU
7. Keyonta Marshall	DL	6-1	280	Saginaw, MI	Hawaii
8. Jerrod Braziel	DB	5-11	170	Ft. Worth, TX	TCU
9. Jerome Braziel	DB	5-11	170	Ft. Worth, TX	TCU
10. Kendall Edwards	RB	6-0	195	Rubidoux, CA	Fresno State
11. Casey Printers	QB	6-3	190	DeSoto, TX	TCU
12. Danny Cestero	LB	6-3	220	Houston, TX	Rice
13. Sterling Harris	OL	6-6	280	Terrell, TX	SMU
14. Kevin Jackson	LB	6-4	215	Valley View CA	Hawaii
15. Antonio Sanchez	OL	6-5	270	Sylmar, CA	Fresno State
16. Jared White	LB	6-0	200	Pampa, TX	UTEP
17. Shannon Bennett	ATH	6-1	170	Grand Prairie, TX	SMU
18. Donnie Pinkerton	RB	5-8	165	Schertz, TX	Rice
19. Josh Blankenship	QB	6-2	197	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa
20. Pisa Tinoisamoa	LB	6-2	220	San Diego, CA	Hawaii
21. Jeremy Hurd	QB	5-10	178	Duncanville, TX	Rice
22. Brock Anderson	OL	6-3	312	Ft. Worth, TX	Tulsa
23. LaMons Walker	OL	6-3	286	Concord, CA	San Jose St.
24. Derrick Walker	DB	6-2	205	Midland, TX	UTEP
25. Jason Collier	DL	6-4	240	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU

In Provo, it is about offense and the next star signal-caller could be Matt Berry. Running backs Luke Staley and Fahu Tahī are big, strong and have excellent speed.

2. COLORADO STATE

The Rams had a good recruiting haul and outside linebacker Adam Wade is one of the stars. Receiver Lamar Anderson is a big play threat.

3. UTAH

Juco receiver Dennis Smith will star from day one. Most of the signees were on the offensive side of the ball.

4. SAN DIEGO STATE

Justin Sisco may be the best punter signed out of the juco ranks this year. Safety DeAngelo Nedd has speed and range.

5. WYOMING

Juco tailback Nate Scott is expected to start. Look for big things out of linebacker Curtis Staley as well.

6. UNLV

The marquee signee is Kawika Sagapolu who is a hulking defensive tackle. Receiver Michael Johnson should help the Rebels as well.

7. NEW MEXICO

Juco scouts rave about defensive lineman LaMarcus Spillers. Defensive back Dante Childress also comes from the juco ranks and he should help out quickly.

8. AIR FORCE

Signings not released.

MOUNTAIN WEST TOP 25 FRESHMEN

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	SIGNED BY
1. Matt Berry	QB	6-5	218	Redmond, WA	BYU
2. Adam Wade	LB	6-1	195	Moreno Valley, CA	Colorado St.
3. Kawika Sagapolu	DL	6-4	285	Las Vegas, NV	UNLV
4. Lucas Staley	RB	6-1	214	Tualatin, OR	BYU
5. Fahu Tahī	RB	6-0	233	W. Valley City, UT	BYU
6. Brian Sanders	OL	6-3	345	Mira Loma, CA	BYU
7. Eric Pauly	LB	6-4	214	Conway Spgs., KS	Colorado St.
8. Mark Dreyer	DL	6-4	270	Brighton, CO	Colorado St.
9. Adrian Boyd	RB	5-11	170	Flint, MI	New Mexico
10. Cody Fomesbeck	WR	5-9	155	St. George, UT	BYU
11. Edwin Benton	RB	5-11	195	Fresno, CA	Utah
12. Brian Save	DL	6-2	255	Santa Ana, CA	Colorado St.
13. Deangelo Nedd	DB	5-11	190	West Hills, CA	San Diego St.
14. Aaron Brown	WR	6-0	180	Redmond, WA	San Diego St.
15. Lamar Anderson	WR	5-11	170	Fontana, CA	Colorado St.
16. Raleigh Fletcher	TE	6-4	250	SeaTac, WA	San Diego St.
17. Brendan Rosen	OL	6-3	285	Hunt. Bch, CA	San Diego St.
18. Curtis Staley	LB	6-3	195	Keller, TX	Wyoming
19. Anthony Arceneaux	WR	5-9	170	Honolulu, HI	Utah
20. Michael Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Oceanside, CA	UNLV
21. Lewis Powell	DL	6-3	270	East Palo Alto, CA	Utah
22. Dexter Wynn	DB	5-9	165	Colorado Spgs., CO	Colorado St.
23. Justin Walterscheid	WR	5-9	160	Grand Junction, CO	Utah
24. Tam Pruitt	DL	6-3	260	Arlington, TX	Wyoming
25. Chris Pittman	WR	6-1	180	Chula Vista, CA	Colorado St.

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Class of 2000 Report (BY POSITION LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

QUARTERBACKS

Brock Berlin	6-2	190	Shreveport, LA
Andre McGill	6-1	170	Fort Myers, FL
Cody Buford	6-3	215	Raytown, MO
Hunter Wall	6-4	215	Coppell, TX
Matt Groetegoed	6-0	185	Santa Ana, CA
John Rattay	6-3	185	Tempe, AZ
Chris Rix	6-3	195	La Puente, CA
Zac Wasserman	6-3	195	Westlake, CA
Timmy Changst	6-2	175	Honolulu, HI
Brandon Sumner	6-4	205	Daytona Beach, FL
Craig Ochs	6-3	200	Boulder, CO
Matt Lovechio	6-4	195	Oradell, NJ
Darian Durant	6-2	210	Florence, SC
Derrick Crudup	6-3	170	Deerfield Beach, FL
Jeff Smoker	6-4	195	Manheim, PA
Casey Clausenm	6-4	215	Mission Hills, CA
Jason Campbell	6-4	195	Taylorsville, MS
Tracey Thorpe	6-4	220	Melbourne, FL
Dondrial Pinkins	6-3	220	Camilla, GA
Matt Cassell	6-2	195	Van Nuys, CA

Evangel Christian	
Fort Myers	
South	
Coppell	
Mater Dei	
Desert Vista	
Bishop Amat	
Westlake Village	
St. Louis	
Mainland	
Fairview	
Bergen Catholic	
Wilson	
Deerfield Beach	
Central	
Aleman	
Taylorsville	
Melbourne	
Mitchell Baker	
Chatsworth	

Reggie Vickers	6-1	185	Belle Glade, FL
Kelvin Kight	6-0	185	Lithonio, GA
Jeremy Battier	6-4	200	Beverly, MI
Roy Williams	6-4	190	Odessa, TX
Tarry Givens	6-4	195	Tallahassee, FL
Terrell Walker	6-3	185	New Orleans, LA
Marcus Bishop	6-0	185	Harper Woods, MI
Charles Rogers	6-4	180	Saginaw, MI
Larry Howell	6-3	190	Pritchard, AL
B.J. Johnson	6-0	180	Grand Prairie, TX

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Lithonio	
Country Day	
Permian	
Godby	
La Salle	
Gallagher	
Saginaw	
Vigor	
South	

TIGHT ENDS

Dan Stephens	6-3	235	Limsly, WV
Darius Livingston	6-3	245	Crestview, FL
Willie Roberts	6-7	230	Miami, FL
Eric Knott	6-4	235	Detroit, MI
Jay Ratliff	6-5	220	Valdosta, GA
Kory Thigpen	6-4	220	Taylorsville, MS
Andre Zellner	6-5	240	Forsyth, GA
Dan Aciri	6-4	240	Harrisburg, PA
Chris Septak	6-5	220	Omaha, NE
Alex Holmes	6-4	280	Harvard, CA

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Taylorsville	
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West	
Westlake	

RUNNING BACKS

D.J. Williams	6-2	225	Concord, CA
Brandon Joe	6-1	220	South, OH
Willie Green	5-11	190	Kissimmee, FL
Tony Swittenburg	5-11	180	Morristown, PA
Demetrius Fields	6-0	195	Cleveland, TN
Alex Godfrey	5-9	175	Niceville, FL
Harold James	6-1	205	Osceola, AR
Michael White	6-3	215	Valencia, CA
Derrick Graves	6-2	195	Holt, AL
Willis McGahee	6-1	210	Miami, FL
Derrick Arnold	6-2	215	Houston, TX
Justin Green	6-1	215	San Diego, CA
Tyson Thompson	6-2	180	Irving, TX
Chris Howard	6-1	185	Wilmington, CA
Andre Williams	5-10	203	Durham, NC
Jason Crawford	6-3	240	Riverdale, MD
Randy Bell	6-1	204	Maben, MS
Anthony Fulcher	5-10	190	Scottsdale, AZ
Tyrell Dortch	6-1	190	Hoboken, NJ
Jamaica Jackson	6-1	195	Sumter, SC
Dustin Picciottic	6-3	230	Doylestown, PA
C.J. Hudson	6-1	200	Frostproof, FL
De'Aunte Ferrell	5-10	190	Macedonia, OH
C.J. Batiste	5-10	205	Amite, LA
Prestib Portee	5-11	205	Kershaw, SC
Tony Johnson	6-1	200	State College, PA
Devery Henderson	6-0	180	Opelousas, LA
Carlos Andrews	6-0	220	Tallahassee, FL
Bobby Rose	6-1	190	Winnsboro, LA
Ryan Joyce	6-0	225	Orlando, FL
Tyrone Ervin	5-9	180	Riverside, CA

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North Durham	
Parkdale	
Maben	
Horizon	
Hoboken	
Sumter	
West	
Frostproof	
Nordonia	
Amite	
North Central	
State College	
Opelousas	
Godby	
Winnsboro	
Lake Highlands Prep	
North	

OFFENSIVE LINE

Steve Nevarez	6-5	285	San Fernando, CA
Wes Sims	6-5	290	Weatherford, OK
Jonathan Newcomb	6-3	325	Benton, AR
Michael Muñoz	6-6	300	Cincinnati, OH
Antonio Hall	6-5	275	Canton, OH
Ashley Pettigrew	6-5	315	Tallahassee, FL
Ricky Fowler	6-4	280	Columbus, GA
Josh Jaggers	6-4	285	Danville, KY
Sean Young	6-6	275	Tunnel Hill, GA
Cade Comeaux	6-6	300	Crowley, LA
Shannon Snell	6-5	290	Tampa, FL
Chris Mitchell	6-6	300	Sweet Home, NY
Kwame Harris	6-6	300	Newark, DE
Carlos Joseph	6-6	295	Miami, FL
Travis Muse	6-6	300	Arcodia, FL
Dale Thomas	6-8	320	Abbeville, SC
Max Starks	6-8	340	Orlando, FL
Larry Kinnard	6-4	290	Alliance, OH
Danny Dicks	6-6	290	Bellevue, WA
Alex Barron	6-6	295	Orangeburg, SC
Brandon Savage	6-3	300	Marrero, LA
Greg Pauly	6-6	285	Waukesha, WI
Matt Ulrich	6-6	285	Streamwood, IL
Jason Respert	6-4	275	Tallahassee, FL
Alex Stepanovich	6-4	270	Brea, OH
Brent Pollock	6-3	290	Estates, CA
Doug Buckles	6-3	285	Madison, MS
Bobby Meeks	6-4	255	Aldine, TX
Paul Fisher	6-8	315	St. George, UT
Alphonso Townsend	6-5	280	Lima, OH

Servite	
Weatherford	
Benton	
Moeller	
McKinley	
Lincoln	
Kendrick	
Danville	
NW Whitfield	
Notre Dame	
Hillsborough	
Sweet Home	
Newark	
Edison	
DeSoto	
Abbeville	
Lake Highlands Prep	
Alliance	
Bellevue	
Wilkinson	
Ehret	
Waukesha	
Streamwood	
Lincoln	
Brea	
Rolling Hills	
Central	
Nimitz	
Dixie	
Lima	

WIDE RECEIVERS

Joel Hazard	5-10	170	Marietta, GA
Sammy Moore	5-10	165	Mesa, CA
Tab Perry	6-2	205	Milpitas, GA
Arthur Martin	5-11	195	Spottswood, VA
Mark Jones	5-10	170	Strath Haven, PA
Ross Pilkington	6-1	175	Loveland, CO
Sloan Thomas	6-2	185	Klein, TX

Sprayberry	
Westwood	
Milpitas	
Spottswood	
Strath Haven	
Loveland	
Klein	

DEFENSIVE LINE

Caesare Boggess	6-3	285	Van Horn, MO
Jared Wolgramm	6-5	215	Tempe, AZ
Don Callaway	6-4	235	Colquitt, GA
Raymond Mann	6-2	220	Hampton, VA
Albert Means	6-6	310	Memphis, TN
Vince Wilfork	6-3	300	Lantana, FL
Travis Johnson	6-4	250	Sherman Oaks, CA
Mac Tyler	6-6	300	Montgomery, AL

Van Horn	
Tempe	
Miller Co.	
Hampton	
Trezevant	
Santaluces	
Notre Dame	
Lanier	

Recruiting Report

John Lumpkin	6-3	240	Warren, OH
Daniel Burnett	6-5	260	Lexington, KY
Steve Lee	6-5	295	Shreveport, LA
Mondre Dickerson	6-5	245	Memphis, TN
Sonny Davis	6-2	285	Austin, TX
Ian Scott	6-3	285	Gainesville, FL
Aaron Butler	6-3	285	Tacoma, WA
Eddie Brown	6-2	245	Houston, TX
Vernell Smith	6-3	220	Haines City, FL
Steve Williams	6-3	290	Romeoville, IL
Adam Doiron	6-4	255	Duncan, OK
John Paul Jones	6-4	285	Lafayette, LA
Hayden Moore	6-4	240	Marietta, GA
Darrell Lee	6-5	235	St. Louis, MO
Teyo Johnson	6-7	250	Everett, WA
Brad West	6-3	275	Gurley, AL
Sam Ruhe	6-5	235	Stow, OH
Alton Wright	6-5	235	Houston, TX

LINEBACKERS

Eric Moore	6-4	220	Pahokee, FL
Josh Walker	6-4	230	Tulsa, OK
Charles Torres	6-2	230	Dallas, TX
Jason Witten	6-5	225	Elizabethton, TN
Robert Peace	6-3	230	Ruston, LA
Jason Clark	6-2	225	Starkville, MS
Jonathan Little	6-3	215	Pageland, SC
Ahman Gordon	6-3	240	Everett, WA
Brandon Eason	6-4	220	Malvern, AR
Troy Bennett	6-1	215	Paulsboro, NJ
Austin Sendlein	6-3	230	Scottsdale, AZ
LeRon Harrison	6-1	220	Carrollton, GA
Jason Bradley	6-1	205	Sarasota, FL
Justin Picciotti	6-2	215	Central Bucks, PA
Darius Jones	6-2	210	Memorial, WI

Harding	Ryan Palmer	6-2	230	Arvada, CO	West
Paul Dunbar	Clifton Bowers	6-2	240	Baltimore, MD	Lake Clifton
Evangel Christian	Edwin Mitchell	6-2	200	Houston, TX	Worthing
Melrose	Fred Spencer	6-2	225	Houma, LA	Terrebonne
Lanier	Hobie Holiday	6-3	225	Warner Robins, GA	Houston Co.
Gainesville	Johnny Ducking	6-3	230	Greenville, MS	Greenville
Lakes	Marco Cooper	6-3	225	Detroit, MI	Cass Tech
Eisenhower	Yrvens Guerrier	6-1	220	North Miami, FL	North Miami
Haines City	John Andrews	6-0	215	Atlanta, GA	Douglas
Romeoville	Darrell Lee	6-1	220	Kirkwood, MO	Kirkwood
Duncan					
Carencro					
Lassiter					
Kirkwood					
Mariner					
Madison Co.					
Walsh Jesuit					
Jones					

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Darren Stephens	6-3	180	Lewisville, TX	Lewisville
Jason Leach	5-10	180	LaPuente, CA	Bishop Amat
Yohance Buchanan	6-0	200	Santa Ana, CA	Mater Dei
Tre Orr	6-2	195	Lake City, FL	Columbia
Brian Odom	6-1	190	Ada, OK	Ada
Andre Williams	6-0	190	Durham, NC	Northern
Derrick Davis	6-2	210	Daleville, AL	Daleville
Richard McClendon	5-11	180	Ponchatoula, LA	Ponchatoula
Dominique Simms	6-2	195	Minneapolis, MN	DeLa Salle
Chris Young	6-1	185	Batesville, MS	South Panola
Corey Bailey	6-0	170	Miami, FL	American
Jonas Buckles	5-10	175	Houston, TX	Yates
Calvin Hall	6-0	185	Benton, LA	Benton
Jessie McNeal	6-0	180	Jenks, OK	Jenks
Bryon McFadden	6-0	180	Hollywood, FL	McArthur
Sherron Moore	6-0	195	Calhoun City, MS	Calhoun City
Ray Ivy	5-11	190	Powder Springs, GA	McEachern
Marcus Houston	6-1	200	Denver, CO	Jefferson
Brandon Jamison	6-1	190	Hopkins, SC	Lower Richland
Tavarus Horne	6-0	190	Hattiesburg, MS	Hattiesburg
Ray Bivens	6-0	175	Gautier, MS	Gautier
Vontez Duff	6-0	180	Copperas Cove, TX	Copperas Cove

Track And The Nation's Top Football Recruits

This spring is no different from others. Some awesome high school football players who attracted Division I recruiters in droves are now burning up the track and leaving threatening marks on the field.

Football and track are a successful combination for some elite high school recruits in both sports. Many of the nation's top Division I high school football recruits are refining their skills in track and field events. Here are some outstanding dual-sport achievers who may be on track for record-breaking seasons:

100 Meters

Tory Mitchell (DB, 6-1, 170) of Big Springs, Texas returns to improve his 10.34 time. The Miami Hurricane recruit had the fourth-best time in the nation as a junior and ran a 10.12 wind-aided time in the Junior Nationals. He also had the second-best 200-meter time registered last year with a 20.72 effort.

Darrell Rideaux (DB, 5-8, 160 USC) and **Kareem Kelly** (WR, 6-2, 180, USC) both from Long Beach Poly. Rideaux had the sev-

enth-best time last year with a 10.36. Kelly posted 10.39 and 20.76. They finished fourth and tenth, respectively, on the yearly lists.

Field Standouts

TJ Duckett (LB, 6-2, 255, Michigan St.) of Loy Norrix, Kalamazoo, MI, has moved from top national football recruit to the shot put this spring. Duckett threw 65-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ to finish seventh in the nation. He should be flirting with the 70-foot barrier this year.

Lucas MacKay, 6-5, 250-lb. linebacker, of Hughson, California, recorded the fourth-best discus toss with a 197-9 effort. He threw over 200 feet this spring in addition to winning the Arcadia Invitational.

Kansas State linebacker recruit **Terry Pierce** (6-3, 245) is demonstrating that he is among the elite in the nation with his Texas Relay-winning throw of 192-4.

Cory Redding (LB, 6-4, 226) University of Texas recruit, should make his presence felt in the Big 12 throwing circles as well as

in the defensive front seven for the Longhorns. Redding has a shot at breaking the 200-foot barrier, having thrown over 185 early this spring.

One of the leading shot putters in the nation is Texas A&M running back **Joe Weber** (6-1, 220) of Pacific High in San Bernardino, California. Weber won the Arcadia Invitational with a toss of 63-11.

History has shown that the football/track combination can be predictive of major talent. Names like Michael Carter (49ers), Russ Francis (Patriots, 49ers), Terry Bradshaw (Steelers), and Renaldo Nehemiah (49ers) are among this elite group. They hold or have held national high school record in track events. Carter still holds the national shot put record with a 81-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mark! Bradshaw held the javelin record of 244-1 set in 1966 until Francis surpassed him with a 259-9 mark in 1971. Legendary hurdler Nehemiah is still in the record book with his 12.9 in the 110-high hurdles.

-Dave Smith, Editor, the Dick Butkus Football Network (www.dickbutkus.com). Article provided by All-Stater Sports, the national high school sports magazine. For information, call 1-800-636-5688 or www.all-statersports.com.



TJ Duckett



Can You Make the Team?

See if you can answer the following 15 questions. Then check the answers below for your score and rate yourself as follows:

12-15 correct: All-American

9-11 correct: All-Conference

6-8 correct: Starter

3-5 correct: Letterman

1-2 correct: Walk-on

0 correct: Cut

1 What football player averaged a basketball-like 21.3 points per game in 1988?

2 What former Michigan coach's teams made a total of 10 Rose Bowl appearances during his career?

3 Peyton Manning turned out to be a pretty good quarterback, and his pops was pretty good in his own right. What longtime Ole Miss coach mentored the elder Manning?

4 Doug Flutie's Hail Mary to Gerald Phelan against Miami in 1984 is one of the crowning moments for Boston College that season. The other was winning the Eagles' first post-season bowl game in 44 years. Name the team that lost to B.C.

5 Football is not the oldest varsity sport at the University of North Carolina despite kicking off in 1888. Name the sport that predates the Tar Heels' pigskin program.

6 The Big Ten started with seven charter members. Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Purdue and Wisconsin are six of them. What school was the seventh?

7 The Citrus Bowl has produced some memorable moments during its 51 years of existence. What schools competed in the first edition?

8 Frank Solich has some tough shoes to fill at Nebraska, but his predecessor's rise to college football dominance was not complete until his team won the national championship. What year did Tom Osborne finally claim the nation's top football spot?

9 From 1883-1888, Yale claimed five national championships in the newly christened sport of football. Name the one team that also won a championship during this time frame.

10 How many wins did Paul "Bear" Bryant collect in his 38-year career?

11 The first high school athlete to grace the cover of *Sports Illustrated* went on to star at Arizona State University as a tight end. Who is he?

12 The Flames were burning in Atlanta when Georgia Tech routed Cumberland in an Oct. 7, 1916 game which became known as the most lopsided victory in college football history. What was the final score?

13 Brigham Young University may be able to lay a claim to the title of Quarterback U. Four BYU quarterbacks who played at some point during the 1979-1989 seasons, eventually became NFL slingers. Name them.

14 Deion Sanders had an electrifying career at Florida State as a defensive back, but in 1988 he led nation in a non-defensive category. What category did he lead?

15 The 1984 SEC Player of the Year, Kerwin Bell, was not a scholarship player that season. What school did he play for?

Answer: 1.) Barry Sanders accumulated 234 points and 39 TDs at Oklahoma State for the astonishing total. He's still running up the points in the NFL. 2.) Glenn "Bo" Schembechler coached his first Rose Bowl in 1970 against USC and his 10th against the Trojans in 1990. His Rose Bowl record of 2-8 was no bed of roses. 3.) Johnny Vaught, a 24-year skipper at Mississippi, coached Archie Manning. Ironically enough, one of Vaught's top coaching performances came when a Manning-led team defeated Tennessee 38-0, one of only two losses on the year for the Vols. 4.) Houston lost 45-28 to the Eagles at the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1, 1985. 5.) Sticks and stones will break the bones but this is a distinction that the baseball team owns. The UNC baseball team started in 1867. 6.) The University of Chicago was one of the original seven in 1895, but the school withdrew from league competition after the 1939 season. 7.) Catawba beat Maryville in 1947 in the inaugural Citrus Bowl. Since that time, Florida State and Georgia played in a 17-17 tie in 1984 and Alabama squeaked by Ohio State, 24-17, in 1995. 8.) Osborne's 1994 squad earned a national championship with a catch in 1994. With a 13-0 record the Cornhuskers weren't the only undefeated team. Penn State finished 12-0, but the Associated Press and USA/CNN coaches' poll listed Nebraska as No. 1. It took 22 seasons for Osborne to achieve that milestone. 9.) Princeton earned the title in 1885 with a 9-0 record. The two schools are still bitter rivals on the gridiron. 10.) The Bear finished with 323 victories while coaching Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Alabama. He coached his last game at Alabama in 1982. 11.) Bruce Hardy came out of Utah as a high school phenom in 1974 and entered ASU as a quarterback, but was transformed into a tight end. He was drafted in the ninth round by the Miami Dolphins in 1978. 12.) Georgia Tech topped Cumberland 222-0. The Tennessee team allowed 30 touchdowns. Yellowjacket Everett Strupper had a field day with six scores. 13.) Marc Wilson kicked it all off by signing with the Oakland Raiders in 1980 after leading BYU's offense in 1979, followed by Jim McMahon (1980-1981), Steve Young (1982-1983) and Ty Detmer (1989-1991). 14.) Neon Deion averaged 15.2 yards per punt return to top the nation in that category. 15.) Bell, a walk-on in 1983 at Florida, went on to play in the NFL after passing for more than 7,500 yards during his career as a Gator.

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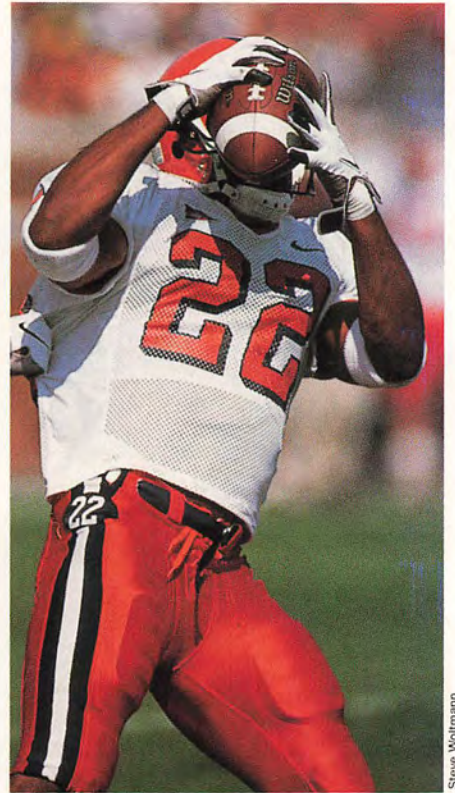
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Steve Woltmann

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Huskies in the Mist



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Bama Sandwich



Bill Wood



Courtland Richards

Tailgating America

The Ultimate College Football Experience

by Joe Cahn, The Commissioner of Tailgating

As I strolled down the fairway, I acknowledged the silent nods, the waves and the good luck wishes of the fans. I was feeling great. Two fairways, two birdies, but now I was on the difficult and always challenging third hole. I was determined, focused and in perfect condition. To tell the truth, I was really on my game. Now with all the pressure on, I loosened my belt and did what I could have only dreamed about a few years ago. I scored a pig.

That's right, a pig. I know what you're thinking: "What's a pig got to do with golf?" Who said anything about golf? This wasn't Pebble Beach or Augusta. It was the University of Michigan golf course. No, I wasn't there to hit around a little ball and then go find it, I was there to participate in America's great pastime: TAILGATING.

On one side of the Big House is the Michigan golf course. This is where the University allows tailgating on game day. And what a game day! Michigan State vs. Michigan. More than 111,000 fans in the stands, an NCAA record. It seemed the whole state of Michigan was in Ann Arbor to celebrate and tailgate.

And tailgate they did: in the parking lots, in the yards near the stadium and in the most beautiful tailgating location in the NCAA, the golf course. That's how I was able to score two birdies and a pig in three holes.

The first birdie was a barbecued chicken quarter with a side of potato salad. Tender, juicy and smothered with a great-tasting sauce. The next birdie was a smoked turkey leg served with chips.

The pig was slow-cooked in a big, and I mean big, BBQ rig. It was so good, I stopped there and pigged out. Then I went back to my party, to rest up and listen to the game.

After the game I was able to take in a few more holes and score a few dogs before it was time to leave. Not to go home, but to hit the road to other stadiums and other tailgating parties. Fore — oops, I mean for — more food and fun.

Every year, we the fans of the truest and best American pastime go into a deep depression when the last bowl game is played. Depressed until the new season begins and we can fire up the grills again.

We support our universities in the other sports. We'll take in a baseball game now and then. Maybe attend a few basketball games, or sometimes a track or gymnastics meet. But let's be honest here. Football — I mean football — is THE game. The rest is merely a dis-



A big time at the Big House

traction, a diversion until THE game begins.

We miss it. We do. We miss the football team, the marching bands, the cheerleaders, the Homecoming traditions, but most of all the tailgating. How we miss tailgating. It's the celebration in the parking lot, the party, the reunion, the community social, before and after the game. Tailgating turns a three-hour game into an all-day event and in some cases a multi-day event.

Then there's the food. From chips and dip to a five-course meal, from a pig on the grill to a bucket of chicken, there's food. The autumn days with friends standing around grills, sitting at tables eating and talking and throwing around the football, going to the game, coming out either to celebrate or commiserate with our friends, eating some more before we pack up to go home.

These are the days we live for, yearn for and strive for. This is why I have dedicated my life as Commissioner of Tailgating to follow and defend the Constitution of the United States.

That's right, the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which means tailgating (hey, we each defend the Constitution in our own way). It's simple: tailgating equals patriotism. And with this mission in mind I set out on a tour of stadium parking lots (and golf courses), eating my way across America.

1998 College Tailgating Champions

Try as I might, I can't get to every college, every year. So in selecting the Top Ten, I rely on research, fields reps, authorities such as Joe Drozda, author of *The Tailgater's Handbook*, as well as the opinion of the National Tailgating Poll. The poll is at www.tailgating.com, and it's not too early to vote for the 1999 Champions.

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| 1. Penn State | 6. Notre Dame |
| 2. Michigan | 7. Louisville |
| 3. Georgia | 8. LSU |
| 4. Ohio State | 9. Tennessee |
| 5. Illinois | 10. Florida St. and Navy (tie) |

Honorable Mention: Purdue, Air Force and Washington St.

TAILGATING 101

Every year freshpeople, (the politically correct term for first-year students) enter the realm of tailgating, most for the first time. Along with them are returning students, parents, alumni and fans of the dear old school. It's been a year for most, longer for some and the first time for a few. Yes, I'm talking tailgating. So class, let's review.

Vehicles

Primarily we use our cars, trucks, vans, SUVs, or any other form of transportation we would take to an event. But this isn't just any event. This is tailgating! So we bring our traveling skyboxes, better known as motorhomes, RVs or travel trailers. Some of us bring custom-decorated vans painted with team colors, logos and mascots.

At a few stadiums we bring our boats. Stadiums at schools like Tennessee and the University of Washington are near bodies of water, so the boats will pull up and dock. Other tailgaters don't let the lack of water bother them; they bring their boat on the trailer and park in the lot.

Note: If you are meeting friends, you can bring your bicycle. But please don't try to carry the food, the grill and the cooler on the bike.

Parking

Most colleges have season parking passes for the booster clubs or the alumni associations. This basically means that all the good, choice parking spots are already taken.



Jelly & Friends, Kentucky

With this in mind, here are a few alternatives: buy a house close to the stadium; donate enough money to have a building built with your name on it; get adopted by the alumnus who throws the best tailgating party; or do as I do — get there early and find the best legal parking space available. Note: always draw a map to help you remember where you parked or get a hand-held GPS.

Seating

Most tailgating participants bring folding chairs that conveniently fit in the trunk of the car. However, this is college, with many inventive seating arrangements. There are no chairs, just sitting on the back of the tailgate of the pick-up or SUV. Folding tables with seats attached. Blankets and sheets spread on the ground. (Gee Mom, I don't know how mud got all over my sheets, but will you still wash them?)

And the most comfortable — the sofa and recliners carried from — and sometimes never returned to — the frat house.



Pub on Wheels, USC

Clothing

You must wear your team colors. Some show their loyalty with T-shirts, sweaters or jackets. Some wear strange things (hats?) on their heads. Just what is that thing on the head of the Arkansas faithful? And of course, there are the fans who paint their faces and their bodies. This is normally a group effort, and all who participate should be tested for basic spelling skills before appearing on camera.

Games in the parking lot

Please, no Frisbees, no kick ball or horse shoes. Remember, this is a football game, not a Jimmy Buffet concert. Footballs ONLY, not missiles or other football substitutes. Please keep your throwing of the football to your own range, normally two to 10 feet. Try to remember: if you could throw long and accurate, YOU would be the starting QB for the team inside the stadium.

Food

Remember, this is a party, and if you have to work too hard, you'll miss it. Some tailgaters have their party catered, while others host a potluck-covered dish. Some bring sandwiches or pick up a bucket of chicken. But most bring the grill, be it big or small. On the menu: chicken, hot dogs, burgers, steaks, brats, pork chops, roasts, sausage, ribs and even the whole pig. In addition, we have the chips, dips,



Navy

peanuts, pretzels, popcorn and in some cases, the obligatory vegetable plate (always the last to be eaten).

Socializing and eating

Most of us either host our own tailgating party or meet friends and/or family to party together. Some get together by "Class of". Businesses may put up their hospitality tent. Parents of students may host a tailgate for their children and their friends. Whatever party you are going to, take the time to meet and talk to your "neighbors". Walk around and visit with old friends. Make some new friends.

A tip for students: Invite your parents to come and tailgate with you and your friends. You make your parents happy. You and your friends get a free meal, with leftovers to bring back to the dorm. You can give your mother the dirty laundry and have it back by the next game.

Training and Conditioning

Tailgating, really great tailgating, doesn't just happen. It takes practice cooking and eating. Even before the season begins you should be in training. During the preseason weekends, get out the grill. Cook, eat and party with some friends. Pop one of those tapes of a game you recorded last year into the VCR. Practice cheering and wearing that funny hat. After the game (don't fast forward), cook, eat and party some more before cleaning up. These practice tailgates will put you at the top of your game when the season starts. Get that game plan ready for the season and this will be a championship tailgating year.

THE SEARCH FOR NO. 1

I call it research and development. Some 25 pounds of development, that is, but such is the sacrifice the Commissioner of Tailgating is willing to make on behalf of all tailgaters. The year in review includes 14 college stadiums, beginning with San Diego State the first week in September and ending in Tempe at the Fiesta Bowl. Which was best? Let's review, and you can be the judge.

San Diego State plays home games at Qualcomm, not on campus. So this is a drawback. They played Wisconsin and the brats and cheese took away home-lot advantage. Those Badgers know how to party. Score one for the visitors.

Oregon State has great fans and terrific food. It's hard to get a good parking spot but easy to score great food. I was just waiting for some-



Maryland

one to offer me a grilled pine cone. The Northwest is very health-conscious. I even ate a veggie burger — oh, all right, a half of one.

Army makes you hike to the stadium, double time, uphill. You burn a lot of calories on the hike and tailgating is not at any one parking lot. Some times they camouflage the tailgating parties, just for practice. I saw some tailgaters eating MREs. But those lucky enough to be an athlete, general or Commissioner are invited to the best chow line the Army has ever seen. They claim tailgating started there (as does almost every other school) and when you see tanks in the background, all you can say is "Yes sir, and could I have some more Italian Sausage. Sir."

The University of Michigan Big House (111,000+) is really a big, big house. And when Michigan State comes to Ann Arbor it is the party capital of America. On the golf course, in the parking lots, on the streets, fans did party. Fans have bought houses across the street from the Big House so they could have a place to park and party. They ranked high in all the preseason tailgating polls and lived up to their rating. Michigan is one of the best tailgating



Army

schools in the country.

Ohio State tailgaters are party animals. The Big Ten and the SEC are probably the best tailgating conferences. Although the Buckeyes are in a very competitive conference, they hold and grill their own. There are Super Fans like Neutron Man and Tire Man. A super tailgating group that holds a deed to their spot (the same spot since 1963) signed by Woody Hayes. The Ohio State Band that plays to a packed field house before the game and the thousands of tailgaters partying even in the rain. Real tailgaters don't care if it rains. They just come prepared. Nothing can stop the party in Columbus.

Kentucky means southern hospitality. I partied with Wendel and friends until 5 a.m. and then was invited to come back at 8 a.m. for breakfast. Jelly, one of the best BBQ cooks in the state, comes to games with friends just to cook, eat and have fun. He doesn't even go to the games. Tailgating at its finest, y'all.

The University of Buffalo has a beautiful new stadium and a special parking lot just for tailgaters. It's not really used as well as it could be. Come on, UB, let's get tailgating.

Louisville knows how to party. They practice with a horse race in May and continue through Cardinal football season. With the new Papa John's Stadium and Johnny U. Football Museum they have a



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venue equal to any in the country. They take great pride in their tailgating tradition. They claim it all began in Louisville (I've heard that somewhere before) and they can tailgate with the best.

The Maryland game was being played in Baltimore at the new Ravens Stadium for the first time, which caused some problems for the Maryland tailgaters — where to park, how early to arrive and so on — but these problems meant nothing to Dean and Co.

They got to the stadium at midnight to start cooking. And boy, did they cook. Ribs, chicken, sausage, but the best, and I do mean the best I had all season was the Sicilian Pig. This group was named the Maryland Alumni Association Tailgating Party of the Week, but they won the Dish of the Year with that pig. Next time I'll go to a game on campus (College Park), but I'll go anywhere for more of that Sicilian Pig.

It was College GameNight at the ESPN University. These guys at ESPN will eat anything and everything. I set up my tailgate under the satellite dishes with Lee Corso, Chris Fowler and Kirk Herbstreit. Warning: If Lee comes near your tailgate party, lock up the food! His specialty is Kielbasa on a Pencil. I don't know what it is about the staff at ESPN. Either they are underfed or they just love Tailgating!

They set-up the "Class of" tailgating areas around the stadium

Hearty Touchdown Hot Dish

- 1-lb. Hillshire Farm® Beef Smoked Sausage, or any variety Hillshire Farm® Smoked Sausage sliced
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup spicy brown mustard
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup carrots, peeled/chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 2 medium white onions, quartered

Combine honey, mustard, oil, soy sauce, garlic and ginger, blend thoroughly. Add sausage and vegetable pieces and stir. Saute sausage and vegetables until sausage is lightly browned. Serves 4-6.

before the game at Navy. And even the Class of No Class (the business people of Annapolis who support Navy but didn't attend the Academy) is included. Gathered in the parking lot are parents, friends, active duty and retired Navy personnel. The parties are great and the fans attend the game as at most schools. What sets them apart, what makes Navy special is that after the game, the fans, the Midshipmen, even the players come out and celebrate with friends, family and alumni. I love Navy tailgating.

There is no tailgating at the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Metrodome Showcase, but I did get to attend five games in two days. And for all for the fans who think Division I is the only game in town, well, think again. Division II and III play great football, too. I was disappointed that none of the schools had a tailgating party before their game, but that is a Minneapolis ordinance, not the schools' decision.

I wasn't disappointed with the games, though. I got to see Coach John Gagliardi of St. John's (Minn.), number two in wins (353 in all) behind Eddie Robinson. I was there when Augsburg's Scott Hvistendahl broke Jerry Rice's all-division record for career receiving yardage. I got to hear the best cheer in all of college football, the cheer of "Oles" from St. Olaf College. And although I did have some Dome brats, one for each game, it would have been so much better out in the parking lot. Maybe next year.



Louisville

One has to adapt to the altitude and attitude of Air Force tailgating. It's high and laid back. One of the most beautiful locations of any stadium in the country, with the Rockies as a backdrop, I believe any food would taste better. The aroma of steak and chili, the jets flying over the stadium, it doesn't get better than this. This particular game was Boy Scout Day. Troops camped overnight, cooked breakfast and lunch, then went to the game. Does anyone know if there is a tailgating merit badge? Well there should be! And I want one.

USC tailgating. Does it matter that this is Los Angeles, where anything goes? When Notre Dame is in town, that goes double. Parties, parties everywhere. Anything from ribs and hot dogs, to five-course catered meals complete with waiters and string quartets. Green beer to Perrier and everything in between. Fans throwing the football but also practicing their putting. Even tofu is served. Hey, this is LA.

At the Fiesta Bowl, as at most bowl games, there was not a lot of tailgating. There's no home team advantage, since both teams had to travel to get there. But what tailgating there was, was great.

There should be a tailgating championship at the final game. And after the game, well, no more tailgating until next year. This could be a really sad moment, but then we realize we can train year-round! Now go grill one for the Gipper!

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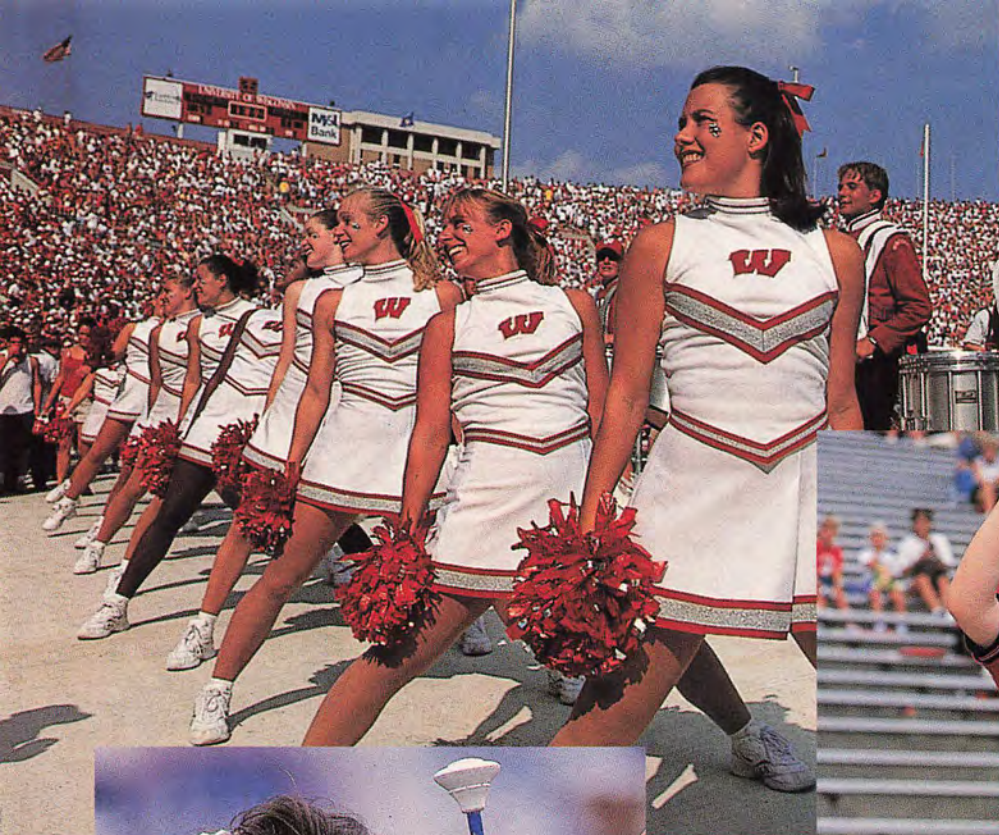
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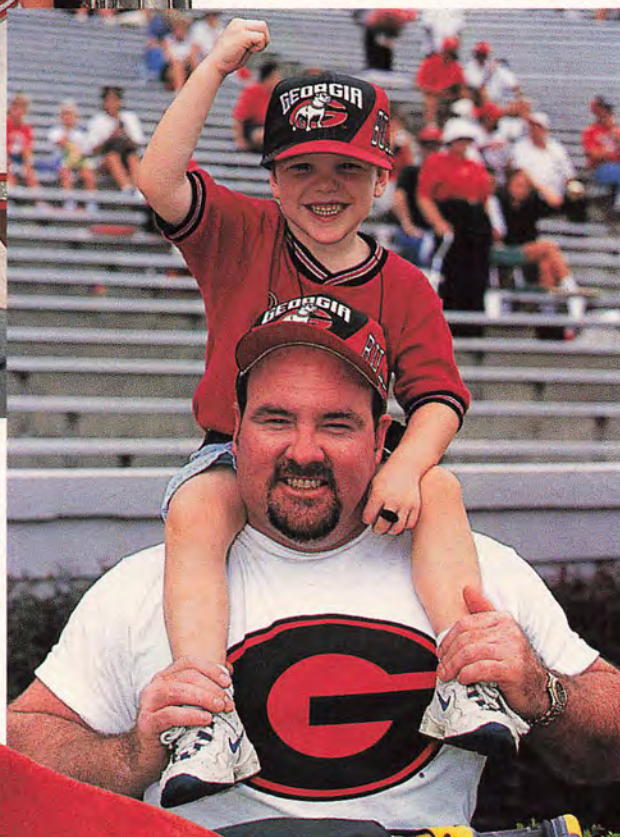
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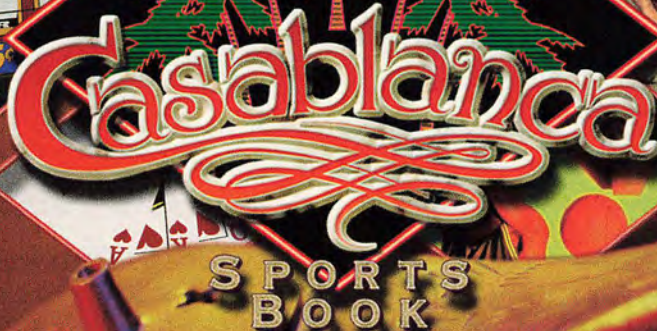
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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
NC State	11	811	4871	6.0	37	442.82
Virginia	11	764	4693	6.1	39	426.64
Florida State	12	872	4816	5.5	42	401.33
Georgia Tech	11	749	4276	5.7	39	388.73
Wake Forest	11	786	3870	4.9	27	351.82
Duke	11	847	3728	4.4	24	338.91
North Carolina	11	747	3616	4.8	27	328.73
Clemson	11	713	3352	4.7	24	304.73
Maryland	11	704	3061	4.3	21	278.27

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Florida State	12	747	2578	3.5	14	214.8
Clemson	11	742	3523	4.7	32	320.3
Virginia	11	748	3666	4.9	19	333.3
North Carolina	11	787	3813	4.8	27	346.6
Duke	11	734	3832	5.2	37	348.4
Maryland	11	765	3971	5.2	30	361.0
NC State	11	756	4119	5.4	37	374.5
Georgia Tech	11	807	4373	5.4	31	397.5
Wake Forest	11	776	4409	5.7	35	400.8

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

Player, School	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech	Jr	11	259	145	8	55.98	2166	17	141.7	
Chris Weinke, Florida State	So.	10	286	145	6	50.70	2487	19	141.5	
Jamie Barnette, NC State	Jr	11	377	193	11	51.19	3169	18	131.7	
Marcus Outzen, Florida State	So.	11	60	36	2	60.00	464	1	123.8	
Brandon Streeter, Clemson	Jr	11	282	150	14	53.19	1946	13	116.4	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Thomas Jones, Virginia	Jr	11	238	1303	5.5	13	118.45
Lamont Jordan, Maryland	So.	10	169	906	5.4	6	90.60
Travis Minor, Florida State	So.	10	191	857	4.5	7	85.70
Ray Robinson, NC State	Jr	11	154	822	5.3	10	74.73
B.J. Hill, Duke	Fr.	11	192	798	4.2	2	72.55

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Peter Warrick, Florida State	Jr.	12	61	1232	20.20	12	102.67
Dez White, Georgia Tech	So.	11	46	973	21.15	9	88.45
Chris Coleman, NC State	Jr.	11	52	876	16.85	5	79.64
Richmond Flowers, Duke	So.	9	48	704	14.67	4	78.22
Jammie Deese, Wake Forest	Jr.	11	68	826	12.15	3	75.09

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Kansas State	12	887	5742	6.5	65	478.50
Texas	11	762	5177	6.8	49	470.64
Texas Tech	11	821	4449	5.4	32	404.45
Nebraska	12	844	4619	5.5	44	384.92
Oklahoma State	11	796	4032	5.1	36	366.55
Missouri	11	733	3850	5.3	37	350.00
Iowa State	11	759	3692	4.9	28	335.64
Colorado	11	759	3581	4.7	25	325.55
Kansas	11	698	3517	5.0	28	319.73
Texas A&M	13	856	4056	4.7	36	312.00
Oklahoma	11	710	3226	4.5	19	293.27
Baylor	11	731	3045	4.2	18	276.82

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Kansas State	12	759	3220	4.2	18	268.3
Oklahoma	11	694	3067	4.4	24	278.8
Texas Tech	11	710	3135	4.4	21	285.0
Texas A&M	13	871	3761	4.3	21	289.3
Colorado	11	740	3256	4.4	20	296.0
Missouri	11	721	3447	4.8	20	313.4
Nebraska	12	813	3764	4.6	21	313.7
Oklahoma State	11	694	3629	5.2	33	329.9
Texas	11	760	4008	5.3	39	364.4
Kansas	11	799	4262	5.3	40	387.5
Iowa State	11	751	4414	5.9	40	401.3
Baylor	11	781	4854	6.2	38	441.3

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Major Applewhite, Texas	Fr.	11	273	159	11	58.24	2453	18	147.4	
Matt Tittle, Texas Tech	Jr.	10	103	55	6	53.40	961	6	139.3	
Mike Moschetti, Colorado	Jr.	11	276	162	7	58.70	2104	15	135.6	
Andy McCown, Texas A&M	Jr.	12	130	66	7	50.77	1025	6	127.6	
Rob Peters, Texas Tech	Jr.	10	183	96	4	52.46	1269	9	122.6	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Ricky Williams, Texas Tech	So.	11	306	1582	5.2	13	143.82
Darren Davis, Iowa State	Jr.	11	294	1166	4.0	7	106.00
David Winbush, Kansas	So.	11	209	974	4.7	9	88.55
Nathan Simmons, Oklahoma State	Jr.	11	204	937	4.6	5	85.18

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Aaron Lockett, Kansas State	Fr.	12	44	928	77.33	6	21.09
Kwame Cavil, Texas	So.	11	51	775	70.45	3	15.20
Damian Groce, Iowa State	Jr.	11	47	640	58.18	7	13.62
Chris Cole, Texas A&M	Jr.	13	38	667	51.31	5	17.55
Javon Green, Colorado	So.	11	39	539	49.00	4	13.82

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
West Virginia	11	791	5053	6.4	47	459.36
Miami	11	769	4966	6.5	53	451.45
Syracuse	11	780	4730	6.1	58	430.00
Boston College	11	765	4527	5.9	34	411.55
Rutgers	11	742	3615	4.9	24	328.64
Pittsburgh	11	784	3540	4.5	29	321.82
Virginia Tech	11	738	3484	4.7	31	316.73
Temple	11	715	3445	4.8	26	313.18

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Virginia Tech	11	710	3134	4.4	18	284.9
Syracuse	11	711	3595	5.1	31	326.8
Pittsburgh	11	743	3831	5.2	39	348.3
West Virginia	11	776	3893	5.0	27	353.9
Miami	11	802	4114	5.1	31	374.0
Boston College	11	768	4378	5.7	39	398.0
Temple	11	768	4445	5.8	45	404.1
Rutgers	11	783	4707	6.0	47	427.9

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Marc Bulger, West Virginia	Jr.	11	369	240	68	5.0	3178	27	157.2	
Mike McMahon, Rutgers	So.	11	276	143	16	51.81	2203	12	121.6	
Nick Sorensen, Virginia Tech	So.	11	59	31	6	52.54	306	2	87.0	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Jacki Crooks, Rutgers	Jr.	11	159	821	5.2	3	74.64
Shyrone Stith, Virginia Tech	So.	11	133	699	5.3	3	63.55
James Jackson, Miami	So.	10	82	545	6.6	5	54.50

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Latef Grim, Pittsburgh	So.	10	60	906	90.60	9	15.10
Reggie Wayne, Miami	So.	9	42	629	69.89	4	14.98
Santana Moss, Miami	So.	10	30	631	63.10	8	21.03
Khori Ivy, West Virginia	Jr.	11	40	650	59.09	5	16.25
Ricky Hall, Virginia Tech	Jr.	11	37	650	59.09	8	17.57

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Ohio State	11	853	5539	6.5	46	503.55
Purdue	12	912	5484	6.0	50	457.00
Michigan	12	853	4517	5.3	35	376.42
Michigan State	12	913	4506	4.9	35	375.50
Indiana	11	780	4003	5.1	28	363.91
Penn State	11	748	3926	5.2	28	356.91
Wisconsin	11	736	3456	4.7	36	314.18
Minnesota	11	769	3429	4.5	24	311.73
Northwestern	12	807	3546	4.4	23	295.50
Illinois	11	761	3167	4.2	17	287.91
Iowa	11	709	2935	4.1	15	266.82

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Ohio State	11	762	2835	3.7	12	257.7
Wisconsin	11	714	2973	4.2	9	270.3
Penn State	11	769	3240	4.2	16	294.5
Michigan	12	804	3591	4.5	22	299.3
Purdue	12	850	4120	4.8	28	343.3
Minnesota	11	807	3840	4.8	27	349.1
Michigan State	12	881	4360	4.9	28	363.3
Northwestern	12	845	4430	5.2	39	369.2
Illinois	11	817	4074	5.0	32	370.4
Indiana	11	803	4298	5.4	37	390.7
Iowa	11	769	4388	5.7	36	398.9

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Drew Brees, Purdue	So.	12	516	336	17	65.12	3753	36	142.6	
Tom Brady, Michigan	Jr.	12	323	200	10	61.92	2427	14	133.1	
Bill Burke, Michigan State	Jr.	12	358	195	10	54.47	2595	19	127.3	
Kevin Thompson, Penn State	Jr.	11	226	121	8	53.54	1691	6	118.1	
Gavin Hoffman, Northwestern	So.	12	323	176	14	54.49	2199	13	116.3	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	Jr.	10	268	1279	4.8	11	127.90
Michael Wiley, Ohio State	Jr.	11	182	1147	6.3	10	104.27
Antwaan Randle El, Indiana	Fr.	11	227	873	3.8	10	79.36
Thomas Hamner, Minnesota	Jr.	11	209	838	4.0	4	76.18

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Plaxico Burress, Michigan St	So.	12	65	1013	84.42	8	15.58
Luke Levenson, Minnesota	Jr.	11	60	854	77.64	9	14.23
Randall Lane, Purdue	Jr.	12	64	915	76.25	7	14.30
Gari Scott, Michigan State	Jr.	12	58	843	70.25	4	14.53

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Kentucky	11	911	5876	6.5	50	534.18
Florida	11	754	5081	6.7	44	461.91
Georgia	11	710	4419	6.2	33	401.73
Tennessee	12	792	4786	6.0	47	398.83
Arkansas	11	752	4333	5.8	44	393.91
Ole Miss	11	821	4320	5.3	27	392.73
LSU	11	740	4231	5.7	41	384.64
South Carolina	11	798	3907	4.9	28	355.18
Alabama	11	731	3707	5.1	29	337.00
Mississippi State	12	727	3870	5.3	32	322.50
Auburn	11	716	2972	4.2	17	270.18
Vanderbilt	11	729	2944	4.0	14	267.64

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Florida	11	773	3153	4.1	15	286.6
Tennessee	12	826	3636	4.4	17	303.0
Arkansas	11	758	3370	4.4	20	306.4
Auburn	11	715	3374	4.7	26	306.7
Mississippi State	12	835	3755	4.5	27	312.9
Ole Miss	11	708	3645	5.1	30	331.4
Georgia	11	792	3881	4.9	21	352.8
Alabama	11	771	4059	5.3	28	369.0
Kentucky	11	704	4247	6.0	43	386.1
South Carolina	11	732	4365	6.0	40	396.8
LSU	11	760	4496	5.9	35	408.7
Vanderbilt	11	801	4853	6.1	39	441.2

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Clint Stoerner, Arkansas	Jr.	11	312	167	8	53.53	2629	26	146.7	
Doug Johnson, Florida	Jr.	10	274	154	8	56.20	2346	19	145.2	
Tee Martin, Tennessee	Jr.	12	267	153	6	57.30	2164	19	144.4	
Quincy Carter, Georgia	Fr.	11	290	176	9	60.69	2484	12	140.1	
Andrew Zow, Alabama	Fr.	11	256	143	7	55.86	1969	11	129.2	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Shaun Alexander, Alabama	Jr.	11	258	1178	4.6	13	107.09
Deuce McAllister, Ole Miss	So.	11	212	1082	5.1	7	98.36
Chrys Chukwuma, Arkansas	Jr.	10	149	870	5.8	8	87.00
Travis Henry, Tennessee	So.	12	176	970	5.5	7	80.83
Troy Hambrick, South Carolina	Jr.	10	144	701	4.9	4	70.10

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Anthony Lucas, Arkansas	Jr.	10	43	1004	100.40	10	23.35
Abram Booty, LSU	So.	11	54	779	70.82	5	14.43
Larry Foster, LSU	Jr.	11	56	722	65.64	4	12.89
Travis Taylor, Florida	So.	11	37	676	61.45	9	18.27

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
UCLA	11	785	5309	6.8	56	482.64
Oregon	11	785	5260	6.7	49	478.18
Arizona	12	832	5339	6.4	52	444.92
Arizona State	11	822	4530	5.5	42	411.82
Stanford	11	859	4347	5.1	33	395.18
Washington State	11	767	4113	5.4	25	373.91
Oregon State	11	830	4093	4.9	30	372.09
Washington	11	801	3912	4.9	35	355.64
USC	12	787	4212	5.4	30	351.00
California	11	782	3214	4.1	19	292.18

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
USC	12	931	3957	4.3	24	329.8
Arizona	12	835	4019	4.8	29	334.9
California	11	798	3743	4.7	28	340.3
Washington State	11	808	4266	5.3	37	387.8
Oregon	11	754	4288	5.7	34	389.8
Oregon State	11	868	4294	4.9	33	390.4
Washington	11	769	4427	5.8	36	402.5
Arizona State	11	774	4472	5.8	39	406.5
UCLA	11	847	4757	5.6	38	432.5
Stanford	11	784	4879	6.2	43	443.5

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Keith Smith, Arizona	Jr.	12	165	113	7	68.48	1732	13	174.2	
Ryan Kealy, Arizona State	So.	10	261	150	9	57.47	2161	19	144.1	
Todd Husak, Stanford	Jr.	11	447	233	7	52.13	3092	17	119.6	
Carson Palmer, USC	Fr.	12	207	113	6	54.59	1475	6	118.2	
Ortega Jenkins, Arizona	So.	12	142	70	4	49.30	1011	5	115.1	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Trung Canidate, Arizona	Jr.	11	166	1225	7.4	10	111.36
Chad Morton, USC	Jr.	10	188	967	5.1	6	96.70
Kevin Brown, Washington State	So.	11	215	1046	4.9	4	95.09
Ken Simonton, Oregon State	Fr.	11	224	1028	4.6	13	93.45
J.R. Redmond, Arizona State	Jr.	10	166	883	5.3	11	88.30

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Danny Farmer, UCLA	Jr.	11	51	1132	102.91	8	22.20
Tony Hartley, Oregon	Jr.	11	48	1015	92.27	10	21.15
Deronnie Pitts, Stanford	Jr.	11	74	1012	92.00	7	13.68
Dennis Northcutt, Arizona	Jr.	12	63	922	76.83	6	14.63
Dave Davis, Stanford	So.	10	48	707	70.70	6	14.73

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Utah	11	829	4568	5.5	42	415.27
Air Force	12	801	4722	5.9	51	393.50
Colorado State	12	823	4617	5.6	37	384.75
BYU	13	923	4962	5.4	40	381.69
Tulsa	11	820	4191	5.1	29	381.00
UTEP	11	800	4112	5.1	25	373.82
New Mexico	12	860	4405	5.1	31	367.08
Fresno State	11	723	3929	5.4	28	357.18
Wyoming	11	756	3866	5.1	23	351.45
TCU	11	731	3699	5.1	23	336.27
San Jose State	12	781	4020	5.1	32	335.00
San Diego State	11	742	3668	4.9	25	333.45
Rice	11	727	3496	4.8	28	317.82
SMU	12	780	3656	4.7	28	304.67
Hawaii	12	815	3524	4.3	17	293.67
UNLV	11	695	2808	4.0	18	255.27

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
BYU	13	830	3561	4.3	29	273.9
Air Force	12	813	3522	4.3	16	293.5
SMU	12	800	3566	4.5	23	297.2
Colorado State	12	840	3988	4.7	31	332.3
San Diego State	11	766	3701	4.8	26	336.5
Utah	11	778	3780	4.9	22	343.6
TCU	11	731	3803	5.2	25	345.7
Tulsa	11	749	3814	5.1	31	346.7
Fresno State	11	814	3913	4.8	23	355.7
Wyoming	11	743	4034	5.4	25	366.7
Rice	11	730	4201	5.8	29	381.9
New Mexico	12	866	4735	5.5	48	394.6
Hawaii	12	839	4753	5.7	50	396.1
UNLV	11	822	4721	5.7	47	429.2
San Jose State	12	899	5165	5.7	43	430.4
UTEP	11	763	4870	6.4	34	442.7

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Kevin Feterik, BYU	Jr.	13	336	202	6	60.12	2718	16	140.2	
Billy Volek, Fresno State	Jr.	11	261	151	3	57.85	1973	10	131.7	
Jay Stoner, Wyoming	So.	11	316	183	10	57.91	2373	11	126.1	
Chris Kasteler, San Jose State	Jr.	10	221	115	7	52.04	1505	12	120.8	
Brian Russell, San Diego State	So.	11	230	123	7	53.48	1438	8	111.4	

RUSHING

	Cl	G	Car	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Mike Anderson, Utah	Jr.	11	244	1173	4.8	12	106.64
Ronney Jenkins, BYU	So.	13	252	1307	5.2	13	100.54
Jonas Lewis, San Diego State	Jr.	9	181	897	5.0	7	99.67
Rodnick Phillips, SMU	Jr.	12	239	1115	4.7	9	92.92
Larry Ned, San Diego State	So.	9	153	762	5.0	4	84.67

RECEIVING

	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Wendell Montgomery, Wyoming	Jr.	11	57	789	71.73	0	13.84
Martinez Williams, New Mexico	Jr.	12	49	760	63.33	7	15.51
Damon Gouridine, San Diego State	Jr.	11	55	649	59.00	4	11.80
Darran Hall, Colorado State	Jr.	11	44	629	57.18	2	14.30
Charlie Smith, Fresno State	Fr.	11	42	621	56.45	3	14.79

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TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Louisville	11	883	6156	7.0	62	559.64
Tulane	11	816	5578	6.8	64	507.09
Cincinnati	11	828	4599	5.6	29	418.09
Southern Miss	11	747	4377	5.9	42	397.91
East Carolina	11	773	4203	5.4	32	382.09
Army	11	743	4062	5.5	31	369.27
Houston	11	809	4041	5.0	28	367.36
Memphis	11	716	3589	5.0	25	326.27

TOTAL DEFENSE

	G	Ply	Yds	Avg	TD	YPG
Southern Miss	11	766	3690	4.8	21	335.5
Houston	11	738	4050	5.5	41	368.2
East Carolina	11	797	4128	5.2	33	375.3
Army	11	762	4593	6.0	42	417.5
Tulane	11	790	4733	6.0	32	430.3
Memphis	11	817	5008	6.1	39	455.3
Louisville	11	821	5287	6.4	48	480.6
Cincinnati	11	748	5328	7.1	56	484.4

RETURNING LEADERS

PASSING

	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Rate	Pts.
Chris Redman, Louisville	Jr.	10	473	309	15	65.33	4042	29	151.0	
David Garrard, East Carolina	Fr.	11	255	157	7	61.57	2091	0	143.1	
Neil Suber, Memphis	Fr.	11	124	61	4	49.19	930	5	119.0	
Jason McKinley, Houston	So.	11	386	218	13	56.48	2437	18	118.2	
Deontey Kenner, Cincinnati	So.	10	270	148	13	54.81	2047	6	116.2	

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Team

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	Plays	Yds.	YDSPG
Louisville	883	6156	559.64
Louisiana Tech	894	6479	539.92
Kentucky	911	5876	534.18
Tulane	816	5578	507.09
Nevada	869	5577	507.00
Ohio State	853	5539	503.55
Central Florida	789	5365	487.73
UCLA	785	5309	482.64
Kansas State	887	5742	478.50
Oregon	785	5260	478.18

SCORING OFFENSE

Team	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Kansas State	12	576	48.0
Tulane	11	499	45.4
Syracuse	11	468	42.5
Louisiana Tech	12	493	41.1
UCLA	11	445	40.5
Louisville	11	444	40.4
Oregon	11	430	39.1
Kentucky	11	417	37.9
Ohio State	11	406	36.9
Miami (Fla.)	11	402	36.5

RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	Carries	Yds.	YDSPG
Army	610	3232	293.8
Ohio	680	3044	276.7
Air Force	648	3201	266.8
Navy	580	2874	261.3
Rice	624	2829	257.2
Nebraska	636	3045	253.8
New Mexico State	579	2790	253.6
TCU	542	2630	239.1
Missouri	546	2552	232.0
Syracuse	521	2512	228.4

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	YDSPG
Louisiana Tech	600	402	5185	432.1
Kentucky	574	414	4534	412.2
Louisville	515	338	4498	408.9
Nevada	458	265	3992	362.9
Florida	417	238	3807	346.1
UCF	411	302	3771	342.8
Purdue	541	352	3978	331.5
Stanford	513	263	3516	319.6
Western Michigan	409	238	3414	310.4
NC State	405	210	3401	309.2

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	Plays	Yds.	YDSPG
Florida State	747	2578	214.8
Ohio State	762	2835	257.7
Kansas State	759	3220	268.3
Wisconsin	714	2973	270.3
BYU	830	3561	273.9
Oklahoma	694	3067	278.8
Virginia Tech	710	3134	284.9
Texas Tech	710	3135	285.0
Florida	773	3153	286.6
Texas A&M	871	3761	289.3

SCORING DEFENSE

Teams	Games	Pts.	Avg.
Wisconsin	11	112	10.2
Florida State	12	138	11.5
Ohio State	11	130	11.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	142	12.9
Virginia Tech	11	142	12.9
Kansas State	12	160	13.3
Air Force	12	160	13.3
Florida	11	155	14.1
Tennessee	12	173	14.4
Texas A&M	13	190	14.6

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	Car.	Yds.	YDSPG
Ohio State	348	741	67.4
Florida State	412	958	79.8
Wisconsin	377	986	89.6
Florida	393	998	90.7
BYU	444	1186	91.2
Tennessee	420	1127	93.9
Arkansas	390	1050	95.5
Penn State	407	1070	97.3
Utah	344	1071	97.4
Kansas State	433	1179	98.3

TURNOVER MARGIN

Team	Takeaways			Giveaways			Margin
	Fum.	Int.	Total	Fum.	Int.	Total	Game
Wisconsin	13	18	31	4	5	9	2.00
NE Louisiana	21	18	39	12	11	23	1.45
UCLA	21	12	33	6	11	17	1.45
Air Force	14	16	30	7	6	13	1.42
Tulane	12	14	26	5	6	11	1.36
Tennessee	17	16	33	10	7	17	1.33
Texas A&M	16	15	31	10	5	15	1.23
Syracuse	13	11	24	5	6	11	1.18
Kansas State	17	16	33	14	5	19	1.17
Fresno State	13	12	25	10	4	14	1.00
Arkansas	15	17	32	13	8	21	1.00

NET PUNTING

Team	Punts	Avg.	No.	Ret.	Yds.	Net Avg.
UNLV	77	45.6	38	325	21.3	41.4
Alabama	66	44.0	26	211	40.8	40.8
Kansas State	31	42.4	9	56	40.6	40.6
Wisconsin	67	44.0	35	231	40.6	40.6
Oregon	49	44.4	17	213	40.1	40.1
Georgia Tech	51	42.5	17	123	40.0	40.0
Nebraska	54	43.8	23	239	39.4	39.4
Virginia Tech	53	40.8	17	73	39.4	39.4
Texas A&M	80	43.6	35	347	39.2	39.2
Southern Miss	55	40.9	21	103	39.0	39.0

PUNT RETURNS

Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Kansas State	39	832	21.3
San Diego State	18	339	18.8
Colorado	28	449	16.0
Cincinnati	15	233	15.5
Iowa	16	242	15.1
Fresno State	36	513	14.3
Kent	13	185	14.2
Mississippi State	32	453	14.2
Michigan State	37	519	14.0
Wisconsin	34	475	14.0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Utah	34	920	27.1
Washington	43	1115	25.9
Syracuse	38	962	25.3
Colorado	29	726	25.0
Illinois	33	821	24.9
BYU	40	970	24.3
Fresno St.	39	935	24.0
Army	45	1078	24.0
Texas Tech	25	598	23.9
Alabama	35	830	23.7
UCLA	44	1042	23.7

PASSING DEFENSE

Team	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Points
Florida State	335	138	1620	9	18	79.9
Ohio State	414	197	2094	7	17	87.4
USC	455	225	2248	14	24	90.6
Colorado	290	138	1633	4	11	91.9
Miami (Ohio)	298	142	1659	6	13	92.3
Wisconsin	337	182	1987	5	18	97.7
Florida	380	197	2155	9	13	100.5
Penn State	362	188	2170	9	17	101.1
Kansas State	326	141	2041	15	16	101.2
Michigan State	385	188	2298	11	13	101.6

Individual

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(MIN. 15 ATT. PER GAME)	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TD	RATING
Player and School					POINTS
Shaun King, Tulane	328	223	3232	36	183.3
Akili Smith, Oregon	325	191	3307	30	170.4
Daunte Culpepper, UCF	402	296	3690	28	170.2
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	559	380	4943	46	164.8
David Neill, Nevada	344	199	3249	29	159.8
Michael Bishop, Kansas State	295	164	2844	23	159.6
Donovan McNabb, Syracuse	251	157	2134	22	158.9
Marc Bulger, West Virginia	369	240	3178	27	157.2
Cade McNown, UCLA	323	188	3130	23	156.9
Joe Germaine, Ohio State	346	209	3108	24	154.7

RUSHING

Player and School	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	YDSPG
Ricky Williams, Texas	361	2124	5.9	193.09
Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	365	1787	4.9	162.45
Mike Cloud, Boston College	308	1726	5.6	156.91
Ricky Williams, Texas Tech	306	1582	5.2	143.82
Devin West, Missouri	283	1578	5.6	143.45
Amos Zereoue, West Virginia	261	1430	5.5	143.00
Dennis Manns, New Mexico State	269	1469	5.5	133.55
Edgerrin James, Miami (Fla.)	242	1416	5.9	128.73
Ron Dayne, Wisconsin	268	1279	4.8	127.90
Steve Hookfin, Ohio	273	1315	4.8	119.55

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player and School	Plays	Yds.	YDSPG
Tim Rattay, Louisiana Tech	602	4840	403.33
Chris Redman, Louisville	513	4009	400.90
Daunte Culpepper, UCF	543	4153	377.55
Tim Couch, Kentucky	617	4151	377.36
David Neill, Nevada	409	3351	372.33
Shaun King, Tulane	468	3764	342.18
Drew Brees, Purdue	575	3921	326.75
Akili Smith, Oregon	399	3490	317.27
Cade McNown, UCLA	386	3297	299.73
Michael Bishop, Kansas State	472	3592	299.33

PUNTING

(MIN 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)	No.	Avg.
Player and School		
Joe Kristosik, UNLV	76	46.17
Josh Bidwell, Oregon	47	45.81
Stephen Baker, Arizona State	56	45.73
Dave Zastudil, Ohio	50	45.32
Bill Lafleur, Nebraska	52	44.94
Andy Pollock, Bowling Green	50	44.86
Deone Horinek, Colorado State	52	44.83
Brian Schmitz, North Carolina	75	44.76
Graham White, Army	47	44.70
Kevin Stemke, Wisconsin	67	44.01

INTERCEPTIONS

G	No.	Yds.	TD	IPG
9	6	99	2	.67
11	7	196	2	.64
11	7	51	0	.64
10	6	53	0	.60
11	6	129	1	.55
11	6	120	1	.55
11	6	69	0	.55
12	6	159	2	.50
12	6	118	0	.50
12	6	109	0	.50

SCORING

Player and School	TD	XP	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	31	2	0	188	15.67
Ricky Williams, Texas	28	0	0	168	15.27
Martin Gramatica, Kansas State	0	69	22	135	11.25
Travis Prentice, Miami (Ohio)	20	0	0	120	10.91
Leroy Collins, Louisville	19	2	0	116	10.55
Edgerrin James, Miami (Fla.)	19	0	0	114	10.36
Sebastian Janikowski, Florida State	0	42	27	123	10.25
Nathan Villegas, Oregon	0	52	20	112	10.18
Devin West, Missouri	18	0	0	108	9.82
Shayne Graham, Virginia Tech	0	37	22	103	9.36

RECEIVING

Player and School	G	Ct.	Yds.	YDSPG
Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech	12	140	1996	166.33
Torry Holt, NC State	11	88	1604	145.82
Geoff Noisy, Nevada	11	94	1405	127.73
Travis McGriff, Florida	11	70	1357	123.36
David Boston, Ohio State	11	74	1330	120.91
Craig Yeast, Kentucky	11	85	1311	119.18
Trevor Insley, Nevada	11	69	1220	110.91
Sherrod Gideon, Southern Miss	11	66	1186	107.82
P.J. Franklin, Tulane	11	74	1174	106.73
Brandon Stokley, USL	11	65	1173	106.64

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